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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442684)

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (157-768) (P) **ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED****HEREIN IS CLASSIFIED**

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DATE 1-23-91

BY SP8 BTJ/cwl

ReDEairtel to Bureau with letterhead memorandum dated 3/2/65.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 9 copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning captioned matter. The Bureau will be kept apprised of pertinent developments. One copy of the letterhead memorandum is being furnished G-2, Detroit and two copies are being furnished Secret Service, Detroit. Two copies are also being furnished the Chicago Office, which is office of origin in RAM.

The contents of the letterhead memorandum have been made available to the Detroit Police Department and the Michigan State Police.

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- 5 - Bureau (Enc. 9) (RM)
  - 1 - 157-1624 (MEDGAR EVERE RIFLE CLUB)
  - 1 - 100-442379 (GROUP ON ADVANCED LEADERSHIP)
- 2 - Chicago (157-397) (Enc. 2) (RM)
- 6 - Detroit
  - 1 - 157-565 (MERC)
  - 1 - 100-31601 (GOAL)
  - 1 - 157-835 (FOX AND WOLF HUNT CLUB)
  - 1 - 157-706 (POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE)

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Source #2 is [redacted]  
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Source #3 is [redacted]  
[redacted]

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and the Bureau will be advised of pertinent developments.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Detroit, Michigan  
March 10, 1965

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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DECLASSIFIED BY SP8 BTS/cwl  
ON 1-23-91

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Re: Revolutionary Action Movement (RAM)

Reference is made to Detroit letterhead memorandum dated March 2, 1965, and captioned as above.

On March 9, 1965, Source #1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that a regularly scheduled meeting of the Fox and Wolf Hunt Club (FWHC) was not held on March 7, 1965, inasmuch as Richard Henry, Club President, General Baker, Club Secretary, and other associates of Baker were unable to attend due to other commitments. Source however advised that a gathering of approximately five club members was held at the headquarters of the Group On Advanced Leadership (GOAL), 11605 Linwood Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, during the late a.m. and early p.m. of March 7, 1965.

Source advised that those in attendance at this gathering held an informal discussion concerning the recent assassination of Malcolm X (Little) and the alleged connection of the Black Muslims (Nation of Islam (NOI) ) with Malcolm X's death.

Malcolm Little was the leader of the Muslim Mosque Incorporated, (MMI) and leader of the Organization of Afro-American Unity (OAAU).

Characterizations of the MMI and the OAAU appear in the appendix pages attached hereto.

A characterization of the NOI appears in the appendix pages attached hereto.

All sources not identified in the appendix pages have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Re: Revolutionary Action Movement (RAM)

On March 9, 1965, Sources #2 and #3, who have furnished reliable information in the past, corroborated the information furnished by Source #1 concerning the gathering of the FWHC on March 7, 1965.

Source #3 additionally advised that General Baker and other local RAM members were unable to attend this gathering as they had a previous commitment.

A characterization of RAM is contained in the appendix attached hereto.

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APPENDIX

MUSLIM MOSQUE, INCORPORATED (MMI)

The March 13, 1964, edition of "The New York Times", a daily newspaper published in New York, New York, contained an article on page 20 which indicated that MALCOLM X (LITTLE), former national official of the Nation of Islam (NOI) who broke with the NOI on March 8, 1964, publicly announced in New York City on March 12, 1964, that he had formed the Muslim Mosque, Incorporated (MMI). The MMI, according to the article would be a broadly based politically oriented black nationalist movement for Negroes only, financed by voluntary contributions. In this public statement MALCOLM X urged Negroes to abandon the doctrine of non-violence when it is necessary to defend themselves in the civil rights struggle, and he also suggested that Negroes form rifle clubs to protect their lives and property in time of emergencies in areas where the government is unable or unwilling to protect them.

Incorporation papers of the MMI filed on March 16, 1964, with the Business Section, Clerk of Courts, New York County, New York, New York, reflect that the MMI was incorporated under the Religious Corporation Law of the State of New York to work for the imparting of the Islamic Faith and Islamic Religion in accordance with "accepted Islamic principles". The principal place of worship to be located in the Borough of Manhattan, New York, New York.

The May 23, 1964, edition of the "New York Amsterdam News", a weekly Negro newspaper published in New York City, contained an article by columnist JAMES BOOKER in which he indicated that he had heard that the visit by MALCOLM X with Muslim leaders during his African tour has changed him to become soft in his anti-white feelings and to become more religious.

On October 6, 1964, a confidential source advised that the MMI is apparently affiliated with the true orthodox Islamic Religion through its affiliation with the Islamic Foundation (of New York), 1 Riverside Drive, New York City. The only teachings of the MMI are on the Islamic Religion.

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A second confidential source advised on October 20, 1964, that the headquarters of the MMI are located in Suite 128, Hotel Theresa, 2090 Seventh Avenue, New York, New York, where they were established on March 16, 1964. These headquarters are shared with the Organization of Afro-American Unity (OAAU) which is also headed by MALCOLM X.

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APPENDIX

NATION OF ISLAM, formerly referred to as the Muslim Cult of Islam, also known as Muhammad's Temples of Islam

In January, 1957, a source advised Elijah Muhammad has described his organization on a nationwide basis as the "Nation of Islam", (NOI) and "Muhammad's Temples of Islam".

On May 8, 1964, a second source advised Elijah Muhammad is the national leader of the NOI; Muhammad's Temple of Islam No. 2, 5335 South Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, is the national headquarters of the NOI; and in mid-1960, Muhammad and other NOI officials, when referring to Muhammad's organization on a nationwide basis, commenced using either "Mosque" or "Temple" when mentioning one of "Muhammad's Temples of Islam".

The NOI is an all-Negro organization which was originally organized in 1930 in Detroit, Michigan. Muhammad claims to have been selected by Allah, the Supreme Being, to lead the so-called Negro race out of slavery in the wilderness of North America by establishing an independent black nation in the United States. Members following Muhammad's teachings and his interpretation of the "Koran" believe there is no such thing as a Negro; that the so-called Negroes are slaves of the white race, referred to as "white devils", in the United States; and that the white race, because of its exploitation of the so-called Negroes, must and will be destroyed in the approaching "War of Armageddon".

In the past, officials and members of the NOI, including Muhammad, have refused to register under the provisions of the Selective Service Acts and have declared that members owe no allegiance to the United States.

On May 5, 1958, the first source advised Muhammad had, upon advice of legal counsel, tempered his personal statements and instructions to his ministers concerning the principles of his organization in order to avoid possible prosecution by the United States Government; however, he did not indicate any fundamental changes in the teachings of his organization.

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On May 7, 1964, a third source advised Muhammad had, early in July, 1958, decided to de-emphasize the religious aspects of the teachings of Islam and to stress the economic benefits to be derived by those Negroes who joined the NOI. This policy change, according to Muhammad, would help him acquire additional followers and create more interest in his programs.

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ORGANIZATION OF AFRO-AMERICAN UNITY (OAAU)

On June 28, 1964, MALCOLM X LITTLE, founder and leader of the Muslim Mosque, Incorporated (MMI), publicly announced the formation of a new, all Negro, militant civil rights action group to be known as the Organization of Afro-American Unity (OAAU), with himself as Chairman. This announcement was made at a public rally held by the MMI in the Audubon Ballroom, Broadway and 166th Street, New York City.

A printed and published statement of basic OAAU aims read by MALCOLM X at this meeting indicates that it shall include "all" people of African descent in the Western Hemisphere, as well as "our" brothers and sisters on the African continent. It is patterned after the "letter and spirit" of the Organization of African Unity established (by African heads of States) at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in May, 1963.

A recording of the remarks of MALCOLM X at this meeting indicates that the aim of the OAAU is to eliminate differences between Negroes so they can work together for "human rights," while the initial objective is to "internationalize" the American civil rights movement by taking it to the United Nations. LITTLE condemned the non-violent civil rights movement and claims that Negroes should be taught to protect themselves, when and if necessary. The OAAU will sponsor a program for Negroes of education, politics, culture, economics and social reform.

On August 19, 1964, a confidential source advised that the headquarters of the OAAU are located in MMI headquarters, Suite 128, Hotel Theresa, 2090 7th Avenue, New York City.

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APPENDIX

REVOLUTIONARY ACTION MOVEMENT (RAM)

On November 3, 1964, a source made available a document entitled "The Revolutionary Action Movement Manifesto", the document having been obtained by the source from an individual known to be a member of RAM.

This document stated, in part, that RAM was officially organized in the Winter of 1963, by Afro-Americans who support the revolutionary objectives of ROBERT F. WILLIAMS, now residing in Cuba, and his concept of organized violence to achieve the liberation of the Afro-American people in the United States. This Manifesto reflected that RAM had oriented its program to one of education and political revolution and the organization of a "black" political party with revolutionary objectives, having recognized the need for a "black revolution" that could and would seize power. RAM philosophy is described in this document as one of revolutionary nationalism, that is, one involving the struggles of the non-white races of the world against exploitation and enslavement by the white capitalist and imperialist nations.

Regarding WILLIAMS, above, it should be noted that on August 28, 1961, a Federal warrant was issued at Charlotte, North Carolina, charging him with Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution for the Crime of Kidnapping. Subsequent to the issuance of this warrant, WILLIAMS fled the United States to Cuba, where he now publishes a monthly newsletter entitled "The Crusader" from Havana.

On November 16, 1964, a second source advised that he learned recently from a RAM member that the organization was begun in Detroit, Michigan, largely under the impetus of DON FREEMAN, Cleveland, Ohio, described as the "Father" of RAM and referred to as RAM's "Black Stalin". FREEMAN now serves as RAM Chairman, with MAXWELL STANFORD, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, serving RAM as Field Chairman. This second source advised that there is no formal headquarters, as such, for RAM at present, but that headquarters are, in effect, with FREEMAN since he plays a dominant role in the leadership and directs the policies and activities of the organization.

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This second source, in September, 1964, advised that RAM is dedicated to the overthrow of the capitalist system in the United States, by violence if necessary, and to its replacement by a socialistic system-oriented toward the Chinese Communist interpretation of Marxism-Leninism. RAM is entirely non-white in membership, clandestine in nature, and owes its primary allegiance to the "Bandung World", that is, the non-white races of the world, rather than to any national entity, as such.

To date, according to the second source, in November, 1964, RAM has organized units and membership in several of the larger cities in the United States east of the Mississippi River, and the organization is currently active, attempting to recruit new members and expand its sphere of influence.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442684)

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (157-768) (P)

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(OO: Detroit)ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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BY SP8 DRS/jcm

Re Detroit airtel to Bureau with LHM, dated 3/10/65.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Detroit, Michigan  
March 16, 1965

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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ON 1-23-91

Re: Revolutionary Action Movement (RAM)

Reference is made to Detroit letterhead memorandum dated March 10, 1965, and captioned as above.

On March 15, 1965, Source #1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that a meeting of the Fox and Wolf Hunt Club (FWHC) was held on March 14, 1965, at the residence of FWHC member Vales Crossley located at 2929 Hazelwood, Detroit, Michigan.

Source identified the following individuals as being among some of those in attendance at this meeting:

General Gordon Baker, Jr.  
Charles Simmons  
John H. Jackson  
Max Henderson  
Richard Henry  
Vales Crossley  
Argretta Bridges

Source advised that Richard Henry, FWHC President, called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m., at which time Max Henderson, Club Secretary, reported on the minutes of the previous meeting.

Richard Henry then advised those in attendance that due to financial difficulties the office of the Group on Advanced Leadership (GOAL) located at 11605 Linwood, Detroit, is going to be closed in the immediate future; however, Henry indicated that he would continue to publish

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Re: Revolutionary Action Movement

on a periodic basis its magazine called "Now". He indicated that if funds became available in the future, GOAL would re-open their office.

Source advised that General Baker gave the financial report of the club and collected \$11.00 in dues from some of those in attendance at this meeting. Baker indicated that a bank account in the name of the club would be opened in the near future.

Next, a discussion was held concerning club membership in the National Rifle Association (NRA). It was indicated that in order for the club to become a member of the NRA a minimum of ten names must be submitted with the application; however, at this time the club is still lacking three names in order to comply with the requirement that ten names be submitted with the application.

Source advised that next Sunday, March 21, 1965, the club would engage in rifle practice at a local range if the weather permits.

On March 15, 1965, Source #2 and Source #3, both of whom have furnished reliable information in the past, corroborated the information furnished by Source #1 concerning the meeting of the FWHC on March 14, 1965.

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Re Detroit airtel to Bureau with LHM, dated 2/24/65.

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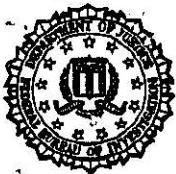
Source number one is [redacted].

Source number two is FOIA(b) (7) - (D) Source number three is [redacted]

In connection with the invitation extended by GENERAL GORDON BAKER (FOIA(b) (7) - (D)) become a member of the local RAM group, no further conversation has been made by GENERAL BAKER (FOIA(b) (7) - (D)) connection with this matter.

FOIA(b) (7) - (D) is been alerted to attempt to have GENERAL BAKER bring up this invitation again; however, to date, GENERAL BAKER has made no further mention of the invitation or has he discussed the local RAM group with  
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This matter is being followed closely by the Detroit Office and the Bureau will be advised of pertinent developments.



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Detroit, Michigan  
March 2, 1965

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*ON 1-23-91*

Re: Revolutionary Action Movement (RAM)

Reference is made to Detroit letterhead memorandum dated February 24, 1965, and captioned as above.

On March 1, 1965, source number one, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on February 28, 1965, a meeting of the Fox and Wolf Hunt Club (FWHC) was held at the headquarters of Group on Advanced Leadership (GOAL), 11605 Linwood Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

Source identified the following individuals as being among some of those in attendance at this meeting:

Vales Crossley;

Richard B. Henry;

John H. Jackson;

General Gordon Baker;

Max Henderson;

Gretta Bridges.

Source advised that the meeting was called to order by the club president, Richard Henry, at 11:30 AM. The first order of business was the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting by Secretary Max Henderson.

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Next, a discussion was held concerning club membership in the National Rifle Association (NRA). It was indicated that in order for the club to become a member of the NRA, a minimum of ten names must be submitted with the application for membership in the NRA.

Further discussion was held at this meeting concerning a dance to be held by the club in an effort to raise additional funds for the club. No location was decided upon for the dance; however, it was indicated that the dance would be held in about four weeks.

Next, a discussion was held concerning the possibility of recruiting additional members into the club. It was agreed to contact some members of a rifle club which formerly had been active in the Detroit area and extend an invitation to some of these individuals to become members of the club.

On March 1, 1965, sources two and three, who have furnished reliable information in the past, corroborated the information furnished by source number one concerning the meeting of the FWHC.

Source number three additionally advised that two local RAM members, namely General Baker and John H. Jackson, participated in this meeting.

Source further advised that the club planned to meet at GOAL headquarters Sunday, March 7, 1965, from which location members in attendance would proceed to a range to engage in rifle practice.

A characterization of the RAM was attached to a previous memorandum concerning captioned organization, dated January 19, 1965, at Detroit.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1624)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (157-229)(P)

RE: MEDGAR EVERE RIFLE CLUB,  
CLEVELAND, OHIO  
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ReCVairtel, 10/22/64; and CVairtel 2/12/64, captioned "Revolutionary Action Movement. IS - RAM".

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of LHM re above captioned matter.

On 2/2/65, FOIA(b) (7) - (D), whose identity with Cleveland Source Number 1, in the enclosed LHM, furnished the Cleveland Office with info concerning a trip which he and others made to Detroit, Mich., on the weekend of 1/29-31/65. In this connection, FOIA(b) (7) - (D) advised that LOUIS ROBINSON bought two rifles in Detroit and displayed these rifles at the home of GRACE LEE BOOGES, 3061 Field St., DE, Mich. The source further advised that ROBINSON stated that he wanted to see the Detroit group's rifle range. FOIA(b) (7) - (D) was unable to state, however, whether or not ROBINSON actually visited a rifle range in Detroit. This info has not been included in the enclosed LHM in view of the fact that some question exists concerning its reliability and because of the fact that info concerning ROBINSON's purchase and exhibition of rifles in Detroit has not been substantiated by info from any other reliable source.

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Approved: John W. Scogin Special Agent in Charge

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It is to be noted that in reCVairtel 2/12/65, the Bureau was advised concerning the steps taken by the Cleveland Office to keep the Cleveland, Ohio PD advised of all pertinent info obtained by this office relative to the formation of a rifle club in CV. Liaison with the Cleveland PD is continuing in this matter and the Cleveland PD is continuing with an intensive investigation concerning activities at the JFK House, 8801 Superior Avenue, and other activities related to this meeting place. In this connection, it is noted that on the evening of 2/17/65, the Cleveland PD instituted a full-scale surveillance of the JFK House. Sgt. JOHN UNGVARY subsequently advised that for reasons unknown to him, his surveillance was discovered and that persons in the JFK House became aware of the presence of the police officers outside including those stationed in a truck opposite the JFK House which was being used as an observation point. Since that time, ROBINSON, ALBERT WARE and HARLELLE JONES have become increasingly surveillance conscious and, while the Cleveland Office is contemplating the use of technical and fisur coverage of its own relative to the JFK House, due to the efforts of 2/17/65 and the acute awareness of ROBINSON and others concerning the possiblI ty of police surveillance, it is not believed that the Cleveland Office is in a position to institute such coverage at the present time with the security that would be essential to such operations. Cleveland will continue to investigate the activities at the JFK House and at such time as additional investigative techniques appear feasible, appropriate recommendation will be made in that regard. With respect to the meetings of a "rifle club" at the JFK House, it is noted that Cleveland sources have thus far identified eight individuals who at one time or another have been in attendance at "rifle club meetings".

CV has opened individual case files on these persons for the purpose of obtaining background info and making appropriate recommendations concerning their inclusion on the Security Index.

It is to be noted as of this date the precise nature and affiliations of the group referred to by source number two as the "rifle club" are unknown to the Cleveland Office. It is further noted that the name of the "Medgar Evers Rifle Club" has not at any time been applied to the group identified by CV source number 2, and, in fact, this

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name has been used only by LEWIS ROBINSON at the time he made his original announcement concerning the formation of a rifle club in the Spring of 1964. Cleveland is continuing its investigation to determine the scope of operations and the affiliation of this group and the Bureau and other interested agencies will be advised of pertinent results of this investigation.

Source number one utilized in the enclosed LHM is [redacted] FOIA(b) (7) - (D) [redacted] former PSI of the CV Office. Source number two is [redacted] FOIA(b) (7) - (D) [redacted] a probationary racial informant of the Cleveland Office.

This memo is classified confidential for the reason that it contains info from CV source number two which would tend to disclose the identity of this source thereby compromising his future effectiveness.

Copies of the enclosed LHM are being disseminated to local military intelligence agencies and to the Secret Service.



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Cleveland, Ohio  
March 8, 1965

MEDGAR EVERE RIFLE CLUB,  
CLEVELAND, OHIO

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On November 18, 1964, source number one, who has furnished both reliable and unreliable information in the past, advised that during recent conversations with LEWIS ROBINSON, the latter does not talk in terms of starting violence, but emphasizes that Negroes must be prepared for violence that may be brought about by other persons. The source further stated that ROBINSON does not refer to a coming revolution nor had he made any further mention of a "rifle club" in recent conversations.

Louis Robinson

LEWIS G. ROBINSON, in his application for a position with the United States Government, dated July 1, 1957, in answer to the question, "Are you now, or have you ever been, a member of the Communist Party, USA, or any Communist or Fascist organization?", stated "I have attended several meetings of the Labor Youth League in Boston in 1950".

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RE: MEDGAR EVERE RIFLE CLUB

On December 2, 1964, this source advised that he had learned on November 25, 1964, that judo was then being taught at the JFK House, 8801 Superior Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. The source stated that at a meeting held at the JFK House on November 25, 1964, DON FREEMAN spoke and during his comments he referred to ADOLPH HITLER as a man who built a superior army by training and equipping the youth of Germany. FREEMAN suggested that military strategy and discipline be taught to the Negro youth in the United States.

A characterization of DON FREEMAN and the Revolutionary Action Movement (RAM) is contained in the appendix section of this memorandum.

On November 23, 1964, source number one, mentioned above, advised that during recent contacts with LEWIS ROBINSON, the latter had made no mention of a rifle club or of any efforts being made to form a rifle club in Cleveland, Ohio.

On December 22, 1964, source number one advised that the teaching of judo at the JFK House has been discontinued. The source further advised that up to this time, no rifles or guns of any description had been observed at the JFK House, and that LEWIS ROBINSON had made no recent mention of a rifle club.

On January 11, 1965, source number one advised that at a meeting of a local civil rights group called the Freedom Fighters, which meeting was held on January 10, 1965, at the JFK House, one PAUL BROOKS spoke and called for fund-raising efforts for the purpose of obtaining funds to finance arms shipments to the state of Mississippi. BROOKS advised that he represents "the strongest underground organization" ever developed, and told his audience that his organization would be willing to convey any arms and ammunition purchased to the state of Mississippi. The source advised that BROOKS did not mention the name of the organization with which he had identified himself.

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Cleveland source number two, who has not been contacted with sufficient frequency to determine his reliability, advised on December 29, 1964, that PAUL BROOKS is connected with RAM and is in Cleveland, Ohio, on a temporary basis working for RAM.

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On January 25, 1965, source number two advised that at a meeting held at the JFK House on January 20, 1965, which the source was unable to further identify with respect to sponsorship, one ALBERT WARE told those present that "the man who set up this organization in New Jersey, also set up the one in Cleveland". Source number two further advised that LEWIS ROBINSON was present at this meeting for a short period of time and that on one occasion during the meeting, ROBINSON left the meeting hall by a rear exit and later returned with a rifle which he had apparently obtained from a car in the parking lot at the rear of the JFK House. Source number two expressed the opinion that LEWIS ROBINSON is in charge of the JFK House. The source expressed doubt, however, that ROBINSON is in charge of the group which met there on January 20, 1965. The source noted that ROBINSON was presently only when the rifle was exhibited, that ROBINSON speaks of his activities entirely in terms of self-defense, while MARLELL VONES and ALBERT WARE are the ones who talk about rioting.

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On January 21, 1965, Cleveland source number one advised that he attended a meeting at the JFK House held during the evening of January 20, 1965. This source stated that during this meeting, he saw no rifles, and heard no mention of weapons. This source stated that ALBERT WARE appears to be consistent to LEWIS ROBINSON and that WARE frequently talks about guns and the use of guns. Source number one noted, however, that during the meeting held on January 20, 1965, he left the meeting hall for approximately 45 minutes and thus was not present for the entire meeting held on that date.

On January 26, 1965, Cleveland source number one advised that at a meeting attended by representatives of several militant civil rights groups in Cleveland, on January 25, 1965, LEWIS ROBINSON spoke in favor of more active resistance on the part of Negroes to exploitation by the "white power structure". ROBINSON stated that the Negro is digging his own grave by his devotion to the concept of non-violence. He stated that in the Spring of 1964, he had made his public announcement concerning the formation of a rifle club for the purpose of shocking the white community. ROBINSON further stated that revolutionary action in the form of guerrilla warfare will be needed to free the Negro from white oppression. He stated that "The Lord helps those who help themselves," and predicted that the Summer of 1965,

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will be "much better for us and much tougher for CHARLIE". The source advised that ROBINSON neither confirmed nor denied the existence of a rifle club in Cleveland, but did predict that with small acts of espionage and guerrilla warfare, the Negroes in the United States will be able to "hook up" with Africa and South America by 1970, and "get rid of the whole darn thing and build a new country and new world". Source stated that ROBINSON also suggested that money be collected to obtain arms for shipment to the state of Mississippi to be used in arming the Negro population in that state.

On January 27, 1965, Cleveland source number two advised that he had been taken into ROBINSON's "rifle club" and had been told to report to ROBINSON's residence on January 29, 1965, where a photograph of the club members with their rifles would be taken. In this connection, it is additionally noted that this source also advised on January 27, 1965, that plans to photograph the "rifle club" had been cancelled when ALBERT WARE discouraged the idea for reasons not given to the source.

On January 29, 1965, Sergeant JOHN UNGVARY, Cleveland, Ohio Police Department, advised that he and Patrolman JOHN PATTON had inspected the JFK House, 8801 Superior Avenue, on that day and at that time had found no evidence indicating that arms and ammunition were being stored or used on the premises.

On February 4, 1964, Cleveland source number two advised that a meeting was held at the JFK House on February 3, 1965, where about seven persons attended a meeting of the "fifle club". The source stated that nothing of particular importance occurred at this meeting and that no rifles were in evidence. Source number two advised that LEWIS ROBINSON never presides at "rifle club" meetings, and that ALBERT WARE and HARLELL JONES preside at the meetings and do most of the talking. The source noted, however, that ROBINSON was heard to comment that every big city will be "organized" soon, and that it is going to be a "rough summer".

On February 11, 1965, Cleveland source number two advised that a meeting was held at the JFK House on February 10, 1965, at which time HARLELL JONES made available a drawing and mimeographed instructions for the construction of a "Molotov Cocktail". The source advised that the source of these instructions

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was not mentioned by JONES. Source number two stated that six persons were present at this meeting, which was run by HARRELLE JONES and ALBERT WARE, who talked about guerrilla warfare. The source stated that mention was made of the recent attacks against United States Forces in Viet Nam and that those present at the meeting seemed to be pleased about the Viet Cong's recent successes in this area.

On February 11, 1965, the drawing and mimeographed instructions concerning the "Molotov Cocktail" were made available to the Cleveland Police Department and on February 15, 1965, Sergeant JOHN UNGVARY advised that the drawing and instructions had been reviewed by the Department's technical expert in such matters, and it was the opinion of this expert that if "Molotov Cocktails" were constructed in compliance with these instructions and put into use, the city of Cleveland would soon have a lot of one-armed revolutionaries. Sergeant UNGVARY stated that the Cleveland Police Department expert noted in the instructions set forth in the plans disseminated by HARRELLE JONES, the advice was given that the bottle container for the "Molotov Cocktail" should be partially filled with combustible material. It was the opinion of the Cleveland Police Department expert that partial filling of the container would result in the generation of fuse which would cause the bottle containing the combustible material to explode immediately upon ignition and before it could be hurled by the person using the "Molotov Cocktail."

On February 18, 1965, Cleveland source number two advised that on February 17, 1965, a meeting of the "rifle club" was held at the JFK House. The source noted that LEWIS ROBINSON was present part of the time and that the evening activities consisted primarily in calisthenics. The source advised, however, that on one occasion, ALBERT WARE made a reference to the recent arrests of three persons in New York City, who were charged with conspiring to destroy the Statue of Liberty and in referring to these arrests, WARE stated that "they caught some of us". Source additionally advised that WARE also referred to a group of "unorthodox Muslims" in Cleveland, but did not indicate whether this group is or is not connected with the "rifle club".

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REVOLUTIONARY ACTION MOVEMENT (RAM)

On November 3, 1964, a source made available a document entitled "The Revolutionary Action Movement Manifesto", the document having been obtained by the source from an individual known to be a member of RAM.

This document stated, in part, that RAM was officially organized in the Winter of 1963, by Afro-Americans who support the revolutionary objectives of ROBERT F. WILLIAMS, now residing in Cuba, and his concept of organized violence to achieve the liberation of the Afro-American people in the United States. This Manifesto reflected that RAM had oriented its program to one of education and political revolution and the organization of a "black" political party with revolutionary objectives, having recognized the need for a "black revolution" that could and would seize power. RAM philosophy is described in this document as one of revolutionary nationalism, that is, one involving the struggles of the non-white races of the world against exploitation and enslavement by the white capitalist and imperialist nations.

Regarding WILLIAMS, above, it should be noted that on August 28, 1961, a Federal warrant was issued at Charlotte, North Carolina, charging him with Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution for the Crime of Kidnapping. Subsequent to the issuance of this warrant, WILLIAMS fled the United States to Cuba, where he now publishes a monthly newsletter entitled "The Crusader", from Havana.

On November 16, 1964, a second source advised that he learned recently from a RAM member that the organization was begun in Detroit, Michigan, largely under the impetus of DON FREEMAN, Cleveland, Ohio, described as the "Father" of RAM and referred to as RAM's "Black Stalin". FREEMAN now serves as RAM Chairman, with MAXWELL STANFORD, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, serving RAM as Field Chairman. This second source advised that there is no formal headquarters, as such, for RAM at present, but that headquarters are, in effect, with FREEMAN since he plays a dominant role in the leadership and directs the policies and activities of the organization.

This second source, in September, 1964, advised that RAM is dedicated to the overthrow of the capitalist system in the United States, by violence if necessary, and to its replacement by a socialistic system oriented toward the Chinese communist interpretation of Marxism-Leninism. RAM is entirely non-white in membership, clandestine in nature, and owes its primary allegiance to the "Bandung World," that is, the non-white races of the world, rather than to any national entity, as such.

To date, according to the second source, in November, 1964, RAM has organized units and membership in several of the larger cities in the United States east of the Mississippi River, and the organization is currently active, attempting to recruit new members and expand its sphere of influence.

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 IS - RAM  
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Re Detroit airtel to Bureau with LHM dated 2/9/65.

Enclosed for the Bureau are nine copies of a LHM concerning captioned matter. The Bureau will be kept apprised of additional developments. One copy of LHM is being furnished G-2, Detroit. Two copies are being furnished U.S. Secret Service, Detroit, and two copies are being furnished the Chicago Office which office is office of origin in RAM.

The contents of the LHM have been made available to the Detroit PD and the Michigan State Police.

The LHM is being classified "Confidential" since information contained therein could reasonably result in the identification of informants of continuing value and thereby compromise their future effectiveness.

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  - (1 - 100-442379 - Group on Advanced Leadership)
- 2 - Chicago (Enc. 2) (157-397) (RM)
- 6 - Detroit
  - (1 - 157-565 - MERC)
  - (1 - 100-31601 - GOAL)
  - (1 - 157-835 - Fox and Wolf Hunt Club)
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No further mention has been made by GENERAL BAKER of his previous invitation FOIA(b)(7) - (D) become a member of the local RAM group.

This matter is being followed closely wFOIA(b)(7) - (D) consideration is being given by the Detroit Office, if feasible, to have source's work shift changed so that his hours would coincide with those of GENERAL BAKER.



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*ON 1-23-91*

Re: Revolutionary Action Movement (RAM)

Reference is made to Detroit letterhead memorandum dated February 9, 1965, captioned as above.

On February 15, 1965, source #1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on February 14, 1965, members of the Fox and Wolf Hunt Club (FWHC) met at the headquarters of the Group on Advanced Leadership (GOAL), 11605 Linwood Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, from which location they proceeded to the Maple Grove Gun Club located at Gratiot Avenue and 21 Mile Road in the immediate Detroit area. Source advised that eight individuals, three of whom were females, participated in rifle practice at this location. Source advised that they left GOAL headquarters at approximately 11:30 AM and returned to the Detroit area from the range during the early afternoon.

On February 15, 1965, source #2, who has been contacted an insufficient number of times to determine his reliability but who is in a position to furnish the information attributed to him, also advised that he participated in rifle practice at the location mentioned above with five members of the FWHC. Source corroborated the information concerning this shoot furnished by source #1.

On February 16, 1965, Detective Lieutenant Norman Nickerson, Special Investigations Bureau, Detroit Police Department, also corroborated the information furnished by source #1 concerning the gathering of the FWHC members on February 14, 1965. Lieutenant Nickerson additionally advised that three local RAM members, namely General Baker, Charles Simmons and Marshall Williams participated in this affair. He further stated that a regular meeting of the FWHC was scheduled to be held at 11:00 AM on February 21, 1965, at GOAL headquarters, Detroit.

A characterization of the RAM was attached to a previous memorandum regarding captioned organization dated January 19, 1965, at Detroit.

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It is to be noted that GENERAL BAKER has made no further mention of his previous invitation FOIA(b) (7) - (D) become a member of the local RAM group. This matter is being followed very closely wFOIA(b) (7) - (D)i he has been instructed to attempt to further ingratiate himself with GENERAL BAKER so that the latter may again extend the invitation to become a RAM memberFOIA(b) (7) - (D)As previously indicated in referenced Detroit airtel, BAKER aFOIA(b) (7) - (D)k different shifts and as a result they are not able to be in contact with one another during the week.



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Detroit, Michigan  
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ON 1-23-91

Re: Revolutionary Action Movement

Reference is made to Detroit letterhead memorandum dated February 2, 1965, captioned as above.

On February 8, 1965, source #1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on February 7, 1965, members of the Fox and Wolf Hunt Club (FWHC) met at the headquarters of the Group on Advanced Leadership (GOAL), 11605 Linwood Avenue, Detroit, Michigan. The meeting commenced at approximately 12:15 PM and lasted until about 1:30 PM. The following individuals were in attendance at this meeting:

Max Henderson  
General Gordon Baker  
Vales Crossley  
Richard Henry  
Charles Simmons  
Melvin Turner  
John Jackson  
Marshall Williams

Source advised that during the meeting, a certificate to be filed with the Assumed Names Section of the Wayne County Clerk's Office, City-County Building, Detroit, was executed by those in attendance at this meeting. The certificate was filed in the name of the FWHC and was signed by General Baker, Richard Henry and Maxshire Henderson.

In addition, source advised that dues were collected from some of the members in attendance at this meeting and that Richard Henry requested the club members to act as security guards for Malcolm X. (Little) during the latter's stay in the Detroit area in connection with his appearance as a speaker at the Ford Auditorium, Detroit, on February 14, 1965.

Source advised that Richard Henry's request resulted in a violent argument among those present at this meeting and that General Baker opposed Richard Henry's request very strongly and said that his organization

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did not like Malcolm X. Baker indicated that the reason for his organization's dislike of Malcolm X. was that Malcolm X. was too friendly with the white people. Henry's request was voted upon by those in attendance at this meeting and his request was turned down, however, it was indicated that anyone desirous of attending the speech given by Malcolm X. could attend if so desired.

Source advised that the next meeting of the club would be held Sunday, February 14, 1965, and that the members would participate in rifle practice at a rifle range.

Malcolm Little is the leader of the Muslim Mosque, Inc. (MMI) and leader of the Organization of Afro-American Unity (OAAU).

Characterizations of the MMI and the OAAU appear in the appendix pages attached hereto.

All sources not identified in the appendix pages have furnished reliable information in the past.

On February 8, 1965, Detective Lieutenant Norman Nickerson, Special Investigations Bureau, Detroit Police Department, advised that a meeting of the FWHC was held at GOAL headquarters, Detroit, on February 7, 1965. He stated that the meeting commenced shortly after noon and lasted until approximately 1:40 PM. He stated there were eight individuals in attendance at this meeting, three of whom he identified as General Baker, John Jackson and Marshall Williams, local Detroit RAM leaders. He stated that during this meeting, a certificate in the name of the FWHC was executed which certificate is to be filed with the Assumed Names Section of the Wayne County Clerk's Office. He advised that some members in attendance at this meeting paid their dues, that Melvin Turner resigned as the treasurer of the FWHC, and that General Baker was appointed as the new treasurer. A suggestion by Richard Henry that the club act as security guards for Malcolm X. during the latter's appearance in the Detroit area on February 14, 1965, was voted down by those club members in attendance.

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Lieutenant Nickerson advised that the club arranged to meet at 11:00 AM, Sunday, February 14, 1965, at GOAL headquarters, from which location they would proceed to a rifle range to engage in rifle practice.

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APPENDIX

MUSLIM MOSQUE, INCORPORATED (MMI)

The March 13, 1964, edition of "The New York Times", a daily newspaper published in New York, New York, contained an article on page 20 which indicated that MALCOLM X(LITTLE), former national official of the Nation of Islam (NOI) who broke with the NOI on March 8, 1964, publicly announced in New York City on March 12, 1964, that he had formed the Muslim Mosque, Incorporated (MMI). The MMI, according to the article would be a broadly based politically oriented black nationalist movement for Negroes only, financed by voluntary contributions. In this public statement MALCOLM X urged Negroes to abandon the doctrine of non-violence when it is necessary to defend themselves in the civil rights struggle, and he also suggested that Negroes form rifle clubs to protect their lives and property in time of emergencies in areas where the government is unable or unwilling to protect them.

Incorporation papers of the MMI filed on March 16, 1964, with the Business Section, Clerk of Courts, New York County, New York, New York, reflect that the MMI was incorporated under the Religious Corporation Law of the State of New York to work for the imparting of the Islamic Faith and Islamic Religion in accordance with "accepted Islamic principles". The principal place of worship to be located in the Borough of Manhattan, New York, New York.

The May 23, 1964, edition of the "New York Amsterdam News", a weekly Negro newspaper published in New York City, contained an article by columnist JAMES BOOKER in which he indicated that he had heard that the visit by MALCOLM X with Muslim leaders during his African tour has changed him to become soft in his anti-white feelings and to become more religious.

On October 6, 1964, a confidential source advised that the MMI is apparently affiliated with the true orthodox Islamic Religion through its affiliation with the Islamic Foundation (of New York), 1 Riverside Drive, New York City. The only teachings of the MMI are on the Islamic Religion.

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A second confidential source advised on October 20, 1964, that the headquarters of the MMI are located in Suite 128, Hotel Theresa, 2090 Seventh Avenue, New York, New York, where they were established on March 16, 1964. These headquarters are shared with the Organization of Afro-American Unity (OAAU) which is also headed by MALCOLM X.

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APPENDIX

ORGANIZATION OF AFRO-AMERICAN UNITY (OAAU)

On June 28, 1964, MALCOLM X LITTLE, founder and leader of the Muslim Mosque, Incorporated (MMI), publicly announced the formation of a new, all Negro, militant civil rights action group to be known as the Organization of Afro-American Unity (OAAU), with himself as Chairman. This announcement was made at a public rally held by the MMI in the Audubon Ballroom, Broadway, and 166th Street, New York City.

A printed and published statement of basic OAAU aims read by MALCOLM X at this meeting indicates that it shall include "all" people of African descent in the Western Hemisphere, as well as "our" brothers and sisters on the African continent. It is patterned after the "letter and spirit" of the Organization of African Unity established (by African heads of States) at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in May, 1963.

A recording of the remarks of MALCOLM X at this meeting indicates that the aim of the OAAU is to eliminate differences between Negroes so they can work together for "human rights", while the initial objective is to "internationalize" the American civil rights movement by taking it to the United Nations. LITTLE condemned the non-violent civil rights movement and claims that Negroes should be taught to protect themselves, when and if necessary. The OAAU will sponsor a program for Negroes of education, politics, culture, economics and social reform.

On August 19, 1964, a confidential source advised that the headquarters of the OAAU are located in the MMI headquarters, Suite 128, Hotel Theresa, 2090 7th Avenue, New York City.

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R. J. [initials]*

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One copy of the LHM being furnished G-2 and two copies being furnished U.S. Secret Service, both Detroit.

The Michigan State Police and the Detroit PD are aware of the contents of this LHM.

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Re: Medgar Evers Rifle Club  
Detroit, Michigan

Prince Augustus Brown on February 10, 1965,  
advised that he is the former president of the Medgar  
Evers Rifle Club (MERC) and that the rifle club "never  
got off the ground". Mr. Brown stated that about six  
weeks ago the MERC was disbanded.

On January 4, 1965, a source, who has furnished  
reliable information in the past, advised that at a meeting  
held January 3, 1965, at 11605 Linwood, Detroit, Michigan,  
the MERC went out of existence.

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To: Medgar Evers Rifle Club  
Detroit, Michigan

Prince Augustus Brown on February 10, 1965, advised that he is the former president of the Medgar Evers Rifle Club (MERC) and that the rifle club "never got off the ground". Mr. Brown stated that about six weeks ago the MERC was disbanded.

On January 4, 1965, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that at a meeting held January 3, 1965, at 11605 Linwood, Detroit, Michigan, the MERC went out of existence.

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To: SAC, Detroit (157-565)  
From: Director, FBI (157-1624)

MEDGAR EVERE RIFLE CLUB,  
DETROIT, MICHIGAN  
RACIAL MATTERS

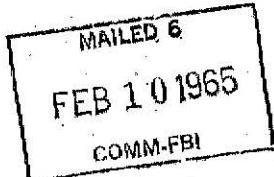
ReDEairtel 2-4-65 entitled "Revolutionary Action Movement, IS - RAM," which noted that captioned organization is no longer functioning.

Immediately submit pertinent details of demise of captioned organization in a form suitable for dissemination.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442684)  
 FROM: SAC, DETROIT (157-768) (P)

REVOLUNTIONARY ACTION MOVEMENT  
 IS - RAM  
 OO: CHICAGO

Re Detroit airtel to the Bureau with LHM, dated  
 1/27/65.

Enclosed for the Bureau are nine copies of a LHM concerning captioned matter. The Bureau will be kept apprised of additional developments. One copy of LHM is being furnished G-2, Detroit. Two copies are being furnished U.S. Secret Service, Detroit, and two copies are being furnished the Chicago Office which office is office of origin in RAM.

The contents of this LHM have been made available to the MSP and the Detroit Police Department.

The LHM is being classified confidential since information contained therein could reasonably result in the identification of an informant of continuing value and thereby compromise his future effectiveness.

- 5 - Bureau (Enc.-9) (RM)  
 (1 - 157-1624) (MERC)  
 (1 - 100-442379) (GOAL)
- 2 - Chicago (157-397) (Enc.-2) (RM)
- 6 - Detroit  
 (1 - 157-565) (MERC)  
 (1 - 100-31601) (GOAL)  
 (1 - 157-835) (FOX & WOLF HUNT CLUB)  
 (1 - 157-706) (POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE)
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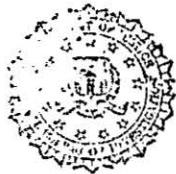
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Source Number 1 FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

It is to be noted that during the course of the meeting on 1/31/65, no further mention was made by General BAKER FOIA(b) (7) - (D)cerning BAKER's invitation to become a member of local RAM club. It is to be noted that General BAKER :FOIA(b) (7) - (D)i not get together during the week of 1/25-31/65 to discuss FOIA(b) (7) - (D)ecoming a member of the local RAM club.

This matter is being followed closely by the Detroit Office and the Bureau will be advised of pertinent developments.

It is to be noted that General GORDON BAKER, Jr., (see Bureau file 105-131855) was interviewed on 1/21/65, by SAs JAMES R. MC CANCE and W. MARVIN GHEESLING at his place of employment, the Dodge Assembly Plant, Chrysler Corporation, Hamtramck, Michigan.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Detroit, Michigan  
February 2, 1965

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File No.*  
*DECLASSIFIED BY SP8 073/CAB*  
*ON 1-23-91*

Re: Revolutionary Action Movement  
(RAM)

Reference is made to Detroit letterhead memorandum, dated January 27, 1965, captioned as above.

On February 1, 1965, Source Number 1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on January 31, 1965, members of the Fox and Wolf Hunt Club met at a restaurant in the immediate area of the Group On Advanced Leadership (GOAL) Headquarters at approximately 11:40 a.m. The meeting was held at this restaurant inasmuch as none of the members of the group present were able to gain admittance to GOAL Headquarters.

Source advised that the door to GOAL Headquarters was padlocked inasmuch as GOAL was six weeks behind in their rent; however, it was indicated by Richard Henry, GOAL President, who was in attendance at this meeting, that the rent would be paid on February 1, 1965.

Source advised that seven individuals including General Baker, John Jackson and Marshall Williams were in attendance at this meeting. The meeting lasted until approximately 1:10 p.m., and during the meeting, a discussion was held concerning the constitution of the Fox and Wolf Hunt Club. It was agreed by those in attendance that the membership fee would be \$2.00; that the application to be submitted to the National Rifle Association by the new member would be \$5.00 and that each member would pay \$2.00 monthly dues.

Source advised that the seven individuals in attendance at this meeting agreed that new applicants would be interviewed by a board composed of Fox and Wolf Hunt Club members to ascertain if they qualify for membership and also to determine that no "informants" become members. White

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persons will not be allowed to become members unless they are married to a member of the Negro race.

Source advised that during the course of this meeting, General Baker, local RAM leader, indicated that he was disturbed because he was recently interviewed by either a member of the Detroit Police Department or the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Baker indicated that the interview which occurred last week outside a gate of the Dodge Plant (Chrysler Corporation), Detroit, upset him inasmuch as he was not aware that the authorities were checking into his activities.

Source advised that the club would meet next Sunday at 11:00 a.m., February 7, 1965, at GOAL Headquarters from which location they would proceed to Ken's Rifle Range to engage in rifle practice.

On February 2, 1965, Detective Lieutenant Norman Nickerson, Special Investigations Bureau, Detroit, Michigan, Police Department, advised that a meeting of the Fox and Wolf Hunt Club was held at a restaurant in the immediate area of GOAL Headquarters on January 31, 1965. He advised that the meeting started at approximately 11:30 a.m., and that there were seven individuals in attendance at this meeting, three of whom he identified as Marshall Williams, General Baker and Charles Simmons, local Detroit RAM members. He stated that during this meeting, a discussion was held concerning the constitution of the Fox and Wolf Club and also the requirements for individuals becoming members of the club were discussed.

Lieutenant Nickerson advised that a discussion was held concerning dues and it was agreed that the membership fee of the club would be \$2.00 and that individual members of the club would pay \$2.00 monthly dues.

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The next meeting of the club is to be held on Sunday, February 7, 1965, at GOAL Headquarters from which location members in attendance will proceed to Ken's Rifle Range located in the immediate Detroit area to engage in rifle practice.

A characterization of the RAM was attached to a previous memorandum regarding captioned organization, dated January 19, 1965, at Detroit.

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Date: 1/27/65

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**TO : Director, FBI (100-442684)**  
**FROM: SAC, Detroit (157-768) (P)**  
**REVOLUTIONARY ACTION MOVEMENT**  
**IS - RAM**  
**(OO: Chicago)**

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*S.T.*  
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One copy of LHM being furnished G-2, Detroit. Two copies are being furnished U.S. Secret Service, Detroit, and two copies are being furnished the Chicago Office which office is origin in the RAM.

The contents of this LHM have been made available to the Michigan State Police and the Detroit PD.

The LHM is being classified confidential since information contained therein could reasonably result in the identification of an informant of continuing value and thereby compromise his future effectiveness.

Source I FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

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1 - 157-1624 (MERC)	
1 - 100-442379 (GOAL)	<i>NOT RECORDED</i>
2 - Chicago (157-397) (Enc. 2) (RM)	
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1 - 100-31601 (GOAL)	<i>-----</i>
1 - 157-835 (FOX & WOLF HUNT CLUB)	
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It is to be noted that during the course of the affair on 1/24/(FOIA(b)(7) - (D)rised that he was invited by GENERAL BAKER to become a member of the local RAM group. GENERAL BAKER aFOIA(b)(7) - (D)e arrangements to get together later during the week of 1/25-31/65, to discuss this matter further.

The Bureau will be advised of pertinent developments concerning this matter.

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Date: 1/19/65

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TO : Director, FBI (100-442684)

FROM: SAC, Detroit (157-768) (P)

REVOLUTIONARY ACTION MOVEMENT  
IS - RAM  
(OO: Chicago)**ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED****HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED**

DATE 1-23-91 BY SP8BTS/cml

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- 2 - Washington Field (Enc. 2) (RM)
- 6 - Detroit
  - 1 - 157-565 (MERC)
  - 1 - 100-31601 (GOAL)
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Source I FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

Two copies of this airtel, with enclosed LHM, are being furnished Washington Field Office, which office is requested to make available information contained in LHM to a source at the national headquarters of the National Rifle Association in Washington, D.C.

It is to be noted that Det. Lt. GEORGE ROLLINS, Special Investigations Bureau, Detroit PD, advised 1/18/65, that he had, on this date, contacted MARVIN DRIVER, a former Inspector of the Detroit PD, who is now employed as the Midwest Regional Director of the NRA, and advised DRIVER of the fact that the Fox and Wolf Hunt Club intended to file an application for membership with the NRA. DRIVER indicated to ROLLINS that he intended to make this matter known to the national headquarters of the NRA at Washington, D.C., immediately.

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Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Detroit, Michigan  
January 19, 1965

Re: Revolutionary Action Movement (RAM)

Reference is made to Detroit letterhead memorandum dated January 12, 1965, captioned as above.

On January 18, 1965, Detective Lieutenant George Rollins, Special Investigations Bureau, Police Department, Detroit, Michigan, furnished the following information concerning a meeting of the recently formed "Fox and Wolf Hunt Club," which meeting was held at the Group on Advanced Leadership (GOAL) headquarters, 11605 Linwood Avenue, Detroit, on January 17, 1965.

The meeting commenced at approximately 12:15 PM and ended at approximately 1:45 PM. The following individuals were in attendance at this meeting:

Richard Henry, GOAL President

Marshall Williams, local RAM member

Charles Simmons, local RAM leader

General Gordon Baker, Jr., local RAM leader

John Jackson, local RAM member

Vales Crossley, local Medgar Evers Rifle Club (MERC) and GOAL member

Max Henderson, local MERC and GOAL member

Those in attendance at this meeting discussed the setting up of a constitution for the Fox and Wolf Hunt Club. In addition, a discussion was also had regarding bylaws for the new club; organization of the new club, and an increase in club dues from \$1.00 to \$2.00 per member per month.

It was also indicated during this meeting that the club would attempt to secure membership in the National Rifle Association (NRA) and in this connection it was indicated

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that a letter would be directed to the NRA at Washington, D.C., requesting that the club be registered with the NRA as a member of that organization. It was further indicated that the next meeting of the club would be held at this same location on Sunday, January 24, 1965, at 11:00 AM.

A characterization of RAM is contained in the appendix attached hereto.

On January 18, 1965, Source I, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on January 17, 1965, a meeting of the recently formed Fox and Wolf Hunt Club was held at GOAL headquarters on Linwood Avenue, Detroit. The meeting started at approximately 11:00 AM and was in progress until approximately 2:00 PM.

Source advised that there were seven individuals in attendance at this meeting, that a discussion was held concerning the drawing up of a constitution and the formation of bylaws for the new club.

It was also indicated that the name of the club would be registered at the Assumed Names Section, Wayne County Clerk's Office, City-County Building, Detroit, so that a bank account in the name of the club could be established. A letter is going to be submitted by the club to the NRA at Washington, D.C., requesting that the club be registered for membership with that organization. It was indicated during the meeting that the NRA will not accept any individual member who has a felony conviction, however, it was indicated that even though the individual could not become a member of the NRA, he still would be elected to become a member of the club.

Source further advised that a discussion was held concerning dues and it was indicated that the dues would be raised from \$1.00 to \$2.00 per member per month and that the initiation fee for new members would be \$7.00, which initiation fee would cover the new member's membership in the NRA.

At future meetings where rifle practice is not held, a twenty minute training session concerning the rifle will be afforded those in attendance.

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Source advised that the next meeting of the club would be held on Sunday, January 24, 1965, at 11:00 AM at this location and it was further indicated that the club would possibly engage in rifle practice on this same date.

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APPENDIX

REVOLUTIONARY ACTION MOVEMENT (RAM)

On November 3, 1964, a source made available a document entitled "The Revolutionary Action Movement Manifesto," the document having been obtained by the source from an individual known to be a member of RAM.

This document stated, in part, that RAM was officially organized in the Winter of 1963, by Afro-Americans who support the revolutionary objectives of ROBERT F. WILLIAMS, now residing in Cuba, and his concept of organized violence to achieve the liberation of the Afro-American people in the United States. This Manifesto reflected that RAM had oriented its program to one of education and political revolution and the organization of a "black" political party with revolutionary objectives, having recognized the need for a "black revolution" that could and would seize power. RAM philosophy is described in this document as one of revolutionary nationalism, that is, one involving the struggles of the non-white races of the world against exploitation and enslavement by the white capitalist and imperialist nations.

Regarding WILLIAMS, above, it should be noted that on August 28, 1961, a Federal warrant was issued at Charlotte, North Carolina, charging him with Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution for the Crime of Kidnapping. Subsequent to the issuance of this warrant, WILLIAMS fled the United States to Cuba, where he now publishes a monthly newsletter entitled "The Crusader," from Havana.

On November 16, 1964, a second source advised that he learned recently from a RAM member that the organization was begun in Detroit, Michigan, largely under the impetus of DON FREEMAN, Cleveland, Ohio, described as the "Father" of RAM and referred to as RAM's "Black Stalin." FREEMAN now serves as RAM Chairman, with MAXWELL STANFORD, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, serving RAM as Field Chairman. This second source advised that there is no formal headquarters, as such, for RAM at present, but that headquarters are, in effect, with FREEMAN since he plays a dominant role in the leadership and directs the policies and activities of the organization.

This second source, in September, 1964, advised that RAM is dedicated to the overthrow of the capitalist system in the United States, by violence if necessary, and to its replacement by

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a socialistic system oriented toward the Chinese Communist interpretation of Marxism-Leninism. RAM is entirely non-white in membership, clandestine in nature, and owes its primary allegiance to the "Bandung World," that is, the non-white races of the world, rather than to any national entity, as such.

To date, according to the second source, in November, 1964, RAM has organized units and membership in several of the larger cities in the United States east of the Mississippi River, and the organization is currently active, attempting to recruit new members and expand its sphere of influence.

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Date: 1/7/65

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442684) *Pls. file*

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (157-768)

SUBJECT: REVOLUTIONARY ACTION MOVEMENT  
IS - RAM

Enclosed for the Bureau are nine copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning captioned matter.

The Bureau will be kept apprised of additional pertinent developments. One copy of the letterhead memorandum is being furnished G-2, Detroit. Two copies are being furnished Secret Service, Detroit, and two copies are being furnished the Chicago Office who is Office of Origin in Revolutionary Action Movement (RAM).

The contents of this letterhead memorandum have been made available to the Detroit Police Department and the Michigan State Police.

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 (1 - 157-1624) (MEDGAR EVERE RIFLE CLUB, DETROIT, MICHIGAN)  
 (1 - 100-442379) (GROUP ON ADVANCED LEADERSHIP, DETROIT  
 MICHIGAN)
- 2 - Chicago (RM) (Enc. - 2)
- 6 - Detroit  
 (1 - 157-565) (MEDGAR EVERE RIFLE CLUB)  
 (1 - 100-31601) (GROUP ON ADVANCED LEADERSHIP)  
 (2 - 157-NEW) (FOX AND WOLF HUNT CLUB)

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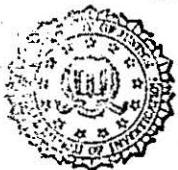
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The letterhead memorandum is being classified confidential since information contained therein could reasonably result in the identification of informants of continuing value and compromise their future effectiveness.

The following sources were utilized in letter-head memorandum:

Source number one is FOIA(b) (7) - (D). Individual source numbers were not given to the above informants in order to protect their identity it being noted that the Chicago Office has repeatedly stressed the necessity for extreme caution in reporting information furnished by the informants.

Source number two FOIA(b) (7) - (D)



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File No.

Detroit, Michigan  
January 7, 1965

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Re: Revolutionary Action Movement  
Detroit, Michigan

On December 28, 1964, Detective Lieutenant George Rollins, Special Investigations Bureau, Detroit, Michigan, Police Department, furnished the following information concerning a meeting of the Medgar Evers Rifle Club (MERC) which meeting was held at the headquarters of the Group on Advanced Leadership (GOAL), Linwood Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, on December 20, 1964.

Richard Henry, GOAL President, was present at this meeting in addition to two other MERC members.

In addition, General Gordon Baker, Jr., Charles Edward Simmons, Roland Snellings, Marshall Williams and John Jackson were also in attendance at this meeting.

According to Lieutenant Rollins, the aforementioned individuals have in the recent past been closely affiliated with the local Detroit Revolutionary Action Movement (RAM) group. Shortly after the meeting was in progress, Richard Henry, the MERC members and the other individuals mentioned above, proceeded to the Maple Grove Gun Club located in the immediate Detroit area at which location they engaged in rifle practice. All individuals participating in this practice at the range had a rifle with them. Some of the makes of the rifles were as follows:

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22 caliber rifles;

30.06 rifles;

One M 1 rifle;

One Carbine.

Rifle practice was held at the range from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at which time the participants returned to the Detroit area.

En route back to the Detroit area one of the RAM members made a remark to the following effect: "The next time a police officer assaults or kills a Negro, we will have to get a white officer or a white civilian".

Source number one, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on November 1, 1964, that RAM held a conference in Nashville, Tennessee, over the weekend of October 30 - November 1, 1964. Source in part identified the following individuals as being present at a meeting of the Collective Leadership Group during this conference:

Roland Schellings or Snellings,  
New York City

General Gordon Baker, Jr.  
Detroit, Michigan

Charles Edward Simmons  
Detroit, Michigan.

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A characterization of RAM is contained  
in the appendix attached hereto.

The GOAL was filed as a non-profit corporation with the Michigan Corporation and Securities Commission on April 19, 1962, with Certificate Number 112493. The purpose or purposes for which the corporation was formed are as follows:

1. To promote the educational, social and economic interests of the total community.
2. To purchase, own, hold, rent, lease, mortgage, sell, convey and otherwise lawfully acquire, hold and dispose of real and personal property or any interest therein, as may be necessary or convenient to carry into effect the objects of this corporation.
3. To solicit, sell or give memberships.
4. To solicit and/or receive donations and gifts.

Richard Bullock Henry, President, was shown as the first Resident Agent. The corporation, at the time of incorporation, owned no real estate but claimed to have \$1,000.00 in cash.

On July 24, 1964, source number two, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on July 19, 1964, there was a meeting at GOAL headquarters at 11605 Linwood, Detroit. The purpose of the meeting was to formally organize a gun club under the sponsorship of GOAL. This gun club later became known as the MERC. Richard Henry was chairman of the meeting on July 19, 1964, and pointed out that

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the executive council of GOAL had directed that a gun club be formed. Henry stated that the purpose of the gun club would be to serve as a deterrent to the brutal treatment of Negroes in the South and also that the gun club would go to the South in defense of the Negro.

The September 30, 1964, issue of a biweekly publication known as "NOW" carried an article by Richard Henry entitled "The Case for Rifle Clubs". This article stated, in part, "Elsewhere in this magazine there appears an article announcing that the GOAL Rifle Club has been authorized to go into a city-wide recruitment program. To many people this may seem an inflammatory move. But it is as necessary to our times as the most vital court suit, the most compelling picket.

"For we live in times in which the power of nonviolence has failed to check what seems to be an attempt on the part of our oppressor not simply to keep our minds in chains and ourselves in economic subservience to him, but to destroy our very physical bodies... But the point is that the inexorable operation of the law - the certainty that a murderer will be punished - which should be the citizen's first defense against assault, provides no protection for the black man. Our murderers do not get punished. And we are brought to the inescapable realization that neither our nonviolence nor the law protects us. If we stand, then, so naked before, had we not ought to seek other means for our protection."

The same issue of "NOW" contained an item entitled "Rifle Club Legal - Will Recruit". The article is as follows:

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"The GOAL Rifle Club, in training since the beginning of summer, has been authorized to go into a city-wide recruitment program. Members will seek not only additional members but will also offer firearms training to all interested black people without requiring them to become members.

"Next Rifle Club meeting is on Sunday, September 27th, 2 PM, at the GOAL office, 11605 Linwood Avenue, at Burlingame. Prince Brown, Club president, stressed that the club has no aggressive designs and is purely for purposes of defense and sport.

"At the last office meeting Attorney Eddie Smith, GOAL general counsel, pointed out that the Rifle Club is a legal, constitutional body, with lawful objectives.

"GOAL lawyers watch over the affairs of the club."

Records of the Wayne County Clerk's Office, Assumed Name Section, disclose that Richard B. Henry, 4268 Clements, Detroit, Michigan, is conducting business under the assumed name of "NOW", a magazine published at 5385 Lovett, Detroit. Detective Patrick Furlong, Special Investigations Bureau, Detroit Police Department, advised that Sterling Grey is the nom de plume of Richard B. Henry, Editor of "NOW".

On December 22, 1964, source number two advised that a meeting of MERC was held at GOAL headquarters, Detroit, on December 20, 1964. A number of MERC members were in attendance at this meeting including Richard Henry, GOAL President. Also in attendance, according to source number two, were the following individuals whom source believes to be connected with the local Detroit RAM group:

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General Gordon Baker, Jr.

Marshall Williams

Roland Snellings

Charles Simmons

John H. Jackson.

Source advised that those in attendance left the meeting and proceeded to the Maple Grove Gun Club where they engaged in rifle practice. Source advised that all of the individuals in attendance had their own rifles. Source advised that during the return trip from the range to Detroit an unidentified RAM member during the course of conversation made the following statement: "The next time a white police officer and a Negro citizen have an incident in Detroit, we will have to kill a white police officer or a white citizen".

On January 5, 1965, Lieutenant Rollins, supra, advised that a meeting of MERC was held on January 3, 1965, at GOAL headquarters, 11605 Linwood Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, at which meeting a new rifle club to be known as the "Fox and Wolf Hunt Club" was formed by MERC and RAM members in attendance at this meeting.

The following individuals were elected officers of the new organization:

Richard B. Henry - President

John Henry Jackson, Jr. - Vice President

Maxshire Henderson - Secretary

Melvin Turner - Treasurer

Harry Brown - Training Officer

Vales Crossley - Assistant Training Officer.

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The meeting started at approximately 11:30 a.m. with approximately 13 individuals in attendance. A discussion was held at this meeting among several of the RAM members in attendance involving a plan to blow up a police station. No one station in particular was mentioned and no specific plan was formulated. In addition, there was also a discussion regarding the sabotaging of the "three armored tanks" (referring to armored mobile units of the Detroit Police Department) which vehicles are currently stored at the City of Detroit Motor Vehicle Pool Garage located at Chene and East Jefferson Avenue, Detroit, Michigan. An individual identified as Eugene Jones, who is employed by the Detroit Department of Parks and Recreation, stated that there was no strict security at the aforementioned location and that a molotov cocktail would put the vehicles out of commission. Others participating in this discussion suggested placing sugar in the gas tanks of the vehicles.

General Baker indicated that a molotov cocktail would not be powerful enough to destroy the vehicles. Richard Henry, GOAL President, indicated during this discussion that the kind of force we intend to use against the police will be hit-and-run tactics and that the tanks would not reach the scene in time to hinder their action.

On January 4, 1965, source number two advised that a MERC meeting was held at GOAL headquarters on Linwood Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, on January 3, 1965.

Source advised that the purpose of this meeting was to establish a new rifle club made up of the members of MERC and RAM. Source advised that the new name of the rifle club is the "Fox and Wolf Hunting Club". The Presidency of the new club was initially offered to General Baker who declined due to his work schedule. Next it was offered to Charles Simmons who declined because of the fact that he had recently traveled to Cuba. Source advised that Richard Henry was then elected President, John Jackson - Vice President, Maxshine Henderson - Secretary, Melvin Turner - Treasurer, Harry Brown - Training Officer and Vales Crossley as Assistant Training Officer. After the officers were elected John Jackson made available his M 1 rifle and Harry Brown spent the next 30 minutes demonstrating how to dismantle and reassemble the weapon.

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Source advised that a conversation was held between Richard Henry, General Baker and several other individuals in attendance during which conversation someone remarked that they were going to blow up a police station. A garage where three armored vehicles of the Detroit Police Department were stored was mentioned and it was indicated that this particular building is very easy to get into and that it would be possible to destroy the three armored vehicles. Molotov cocktails were mentioned as a means of destroying the tanks; however, General Baker indicated that these were not powerful enough. A discussion was also held regarding blowing up a police station, but no definite police station was named.

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 REVOLUTIONARY ACTION MOVEMENT  
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Enclosed for the Bureau are 9 copies of a LHM concerning captioned matter.

The Bureau will be kept apprised of additional pertinent developments.

One copy of LHM being furnished G-2, Detroit. Two copies are being furnished U.S. Secret Service, Detroit, and two copies are being furnished the Chicago Office which office is origin in the RAM.

The contents of this LHM have been made available to the Michigan State Police.

The LHM is being classified confidential since information contained therein could reasonably result in the identification of an informant of continuing value and thereby compromise his future effectiveness.

Source: I FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

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5 - Bureau (Enc. 9) (RM)  
 (1 - 157-1624) (MERC)  
 (1 - 100-442379) (GOAL)

2 - Chicago (157-397) (Enc. 2) (RM)

6 - Detroit  
 (1 - 157-565) (MERC)  
 (1 - 100-31601) (GOAL)

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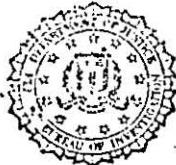
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File No.

Detroit, Michigan  
January 12, 1965

Re: Revolutionary Action Movement  
(RAM)

Reference is made to Detroit letterhead memorandum dated January 7, 1965, captioned as above.

On January 11, 1965, Detective Lieutenant Norman Nickerson, Special Investigations Bureau, Detroit, Michigan, Police Department furnished the following information concerning a meeting of the recently formed "Fox and Wolf Hunt Club", which meeting was held at the headquarters of the Group On Advanced Leadership (GOAL), 11605 Linwood Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, on January 10, 1965.

Richard Henry, GOAL President, was present at this meeting in addition to two other Medgar Evers Rifle Club (MERC) members.

Also, in attendance at this meeting were six other individuals, three of whom were identified as being General Gordon Baker, Jr.; Charles Edward Simmons and Roland Snellings. The aforementioned individuals have previously been identified by Lieutenant Nickerson as being members of the local Detroit RAM group.

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Lieutenant Nickerson advised that the meeting commenced at approximately 11:00 AM and was concluded at approximately 11:45 AM. He stated that it was announced at the meeting by Richard Henry that a GOAL meeting was scheduled to be held at GOAL Headquarters during the evening of January 11, 1965. In addition, it was indicated that the group would meet at this same location at 11:00 AM on Sunday, January 17, 1965. Some discussion was held concerning the possibility of engaging in rifle practice at a range in the Detroit area on January 17, 1965; however, no definite decision was made as to whether rifle practice would be held on January 17, 1965.

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Shortly after 11:45 AM on January 10, 1965, those in attendance at this meeting with the exception of Richard Henry proceeded in two vehicles en route to Ken's Rifle Range, located at Pennsylvania and Telegraph Roads in the immediate Detroit area; however, the vehicles became lost en route to this area and after considerable unproductive efforts were made to locate the range, both vehicles returned to the Detroit area. The vehicles arrived back in the Detroit area at approximately 1:00 PM at which time the individuals in both vehicles departed the vehicles and left for their respective residences.

A characterization of RAM is contained in the appendix attached hereto.

On January 11, 1965, Source I, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on January 10, 1965, a meeting of the recently formed "Fox and Wolf Hunt Club" was held at GOAL headquarters on Linwood Avenue, Detroit, Michigan. The meeting started at approximately 11:00 AM and lasted approximately 30 to 40 minutes. The meeting was very general in nature; however, Richard Henry, GOAL President, who was in attendance at this meeting, announced that a GOAL meeting would be held at this location during the evening of January 11, 1965. It was further indicated that the next meeting of this group would be held at this location at 11:00 AM on January 17, 1965. A discussion was held concerning the holding of rifle practice after the meeting on January 17, 1965; however, no definite decision was made in this regard.

Source advised that in addition to Richard Henry there were eight other individuals at this meeting. He identified the following individuals as being in attendance at this meeting:

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General Baker  
Charles Simmons  
Roland Snellings

He stated that shortly before noon the group, with the exception of Richard Henry, departed GOAL Headquarters and proceeded in vehicles to the far west side. He stated that they were en route to Ken's Rifle Range located in the area of Pennsylvania and Telegraph Roads immediately outside of Detroit; however, after substantial

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inquiries and driving they were unable to locate this range. He stated that those individuals in the two vehicles became "disgusted" and decided to return to the Detroit area. Source advised that they arrived back in the Detroit area at approximately 1:00 PM and that the individuals in the vehicles departed and left for their respective residences.

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- 5 - Bureau (Enc. - 9) (RM)  
 1 - 100-442684 (REVOLUTIONARY ACTION MOVEMENT)  
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 1 - 105-10495 (GENERAL GORDON BAKER, JR.)  
 1 - 105-10494 (CHARLES EDWARD SIMMONS, III)  
 2 - 157-771 (ROLAND SCHELLINGS)  
 1 - 157-812 (JOHN H. JACKSON, JR.)  
 1 - 157-727 (JERRY BERRY) REC-157-1624-20 REC-18  
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The contents of this LHM have been made available to the Detroit Police Department and the Michigan State Police.

The LHM is being classified confidential since information contained therein could reasonably result in the identification of Informants of continuing value and compromise their effectiveness.

The following sources were utilized in LHM:

Source number 1 is FOIA(b) (7) - (D). Individual source numbers were not given to the above informants in order to protect their identity, it being noted that the Chicago Office has repeatedly stressed the necessity for extreme caution in reporting information furnished by the informants.

Source number 2 FOIA(b) (7) - (D)



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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Detroit, Michigan  
December 17, 1964

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Medgar Evers Rifle Club  
Detroit, Michigan

Group on Advanced Leadership  
Detroit, Michigan

On December 16, 1964, Detective Lieutenant George Rollins, Special Investigations Bureau, Detroit, Michigan, Police Department, furnished the following information concerning a meeting of the Medgar Evers Rifle Club (MERC), which meeting was held at the headquarters of the Group on Advanced Leadership (GOAL), Linwood Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, on December 13, 1964:

Richard Henry, President of GOAL, was present at this meeting, in addition to other MERC members.

*All members* *Mich* Shortly after the meeting commenced, General Gordon *Baker* *Mich Charles*, Jr., John H. Jackson, Jr., Charles Edward Simmons, III, and another individual identified as Roland *Schellings* (phonetic) arrived at the meeting. General Baker, Jr. stated that he had six men in his group all of whom have rifles and that his group wanted MERC members present to form a new rifle club with his *Mich* group. He stated that in the event MERC members decided to join his group, a name would be given to the new rifle club at a later date. He advised that he was desirous of having other MERC members not present at this meeting join with his group and Baker indicated that he had traveled to Cuba during the summer of 1964 and had available a supply of "Bolo knives" and other weapons.

At the suggestion of General Baker those in attendance at this meeting agreed to hold another meeting at this location at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 20, 1964, and proceed from this meeting to a rifle range in the Detroit area to fire .30 caliber rifles.

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Re: Medgar Evers Rifle Club  
Detroit, Michigan

Group on Advanced Leadership  
Detroit, Michigan

Detective Rollins advised that previous investigation conducted by the Detroit Police Department has determined that General Baker, John Jackson and Charles Simmons have in the recent past been affiliated with the local Detroit Revolutionary Action Movement (RAM) group.

Source number one, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on November 1, 1964, that RAM held a conference in Nashville, Tennessee, over the weekend of October 30-November 1, 1964. Source in part identified the following individuals as being present at a meeting of the Collective Leadership Group during this conference:

Roland Schellings or Snellings, New York City

General Baker, Jr., Detroit, Michigan

Charles Simmons, Detroit, Michigan

A characterization of RAM is contained in the appendix attached hereto.

On December 16, 1964, source number two, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that a meeting of the MERC was held at GOAL headquarters, Detroit, on December 13, 1964. A number of MERC members were in attendance at this meeting including Richard Henry, GOAL President.

In addition to MERC members in attendance, source advised that General Baker, Roland Schellings or Snellings, Charles Simmons and John H. Jackson, Jr. were in attendance. Source advised that General Baker and his companions had been previously invited to this meeting by Richard Henry and that Henry has indicated that Baker and his companions are much further advanced in guerrilla warfare and tactics than anyone in either GOAL or MERC.

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Source advised that during this meeting, General Baker was the spokesman for his group; however, at no time during the course of the meeting did Baker indicate the identity of his group. He stated that his group was interested in learning more concerning the operation and use of firearms, the rifle in particular; however, he stated at the present time his group was not attempting to recruit additional members, but were desirous of engaging in rifle practice with MERC members. He stated that his group would have to have a sufficient period of time before any invitations would be extended to individual MERC members present at this meeting to become members of his group. He stated that at the present time, his group was in possession of the following weapons:

One M 1 rifle;

One Italian Carbine;

One 30.06 rifle;

One British Enfield rifle;

Two other rifles, make of which not given;

A quantity of revolvers and several .22 caliber rifles.

Source advised that General Baker requested those present to meet at this location on Sunday, December 20, 1964, at 11:00 a.m. where they would then proceed to the Maple Grove Gun Club located in the immediate Detroit area to engage in rifle practice.

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To: SAC, Detroit (157-768)  
From: Director, FBI (100-442684)

REVOLUTIONARY ACTION MOVEMENT  
INTERNAL SECURITY - RAM

ReDEairtel, 12/17/64, captioned "Medgar Evers Rifle Club, Detroit, Michigan, Racial Matters; Group on Advanced Leadership, Detroit, Michigan, Racial matters," with letterhead memorandum (LHM) attached containing information that members of a Revolutionary Action Movement (RAM) had met with the Medgar Evers Rifle Club (MERC).

Information is set forth in the above-mentioned LHM indicating that RAM members possessed rifles and that a supply of "Bolo knives" and other weapons were available to RAM.

Detroit should advise the Bureau and Chicago whether any action can be taken concerning this information of a counter-intelligence nature. In this regard, Detroit should advise whether the Detroit Police Department can act upon such information if it were furnished to them bearing in mind the security of the sources involved. Suitable recommendations should be submitted to the Bureau for approval.

The activities of the RAM members in Detroit should be carefully followed and all pertinent developments immediately reported to the Bureau and interested offices, particularly information relating to the use by RAM members of weapons of any description.

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ReBuairtel to Detroit, 12/9/64.

In accordance with authority granted in referenced airtel, Mr. ROBERT H. BALL was contacted on 12/11/64, by SA's MAHLON F. COLLER and THOMAS P. DRUKEN and furnished information appearing in Detroit newspapers concerning GENERAL GORDON BAKER, JR. and also the article appearing in the 9/25/64, issue of "Muhammad Speaks" newspaper concerning BAKER's unauthorized travel to Cuba.

No other information was furnished to BALL and he was informed that any action taken would be strictly on his own.

During contact on 12/11/64, BALL identified the photograph appearing in the 9/25/64, issue of "Muhammad Speaks" as being identical with GENERAL GORDON BAKER, JR. and CHARLES E. SIMMONS. He further advised he had recently ascertained that the identity of the other individual accompanying BAKER and SIMMONS was JOHN H. JACKSON, JR.

- 4 - Bureau (RM)
  - 1 - 157-1624 (Medgar Evers Rifle Club)
  - 1 - Chicago (157-397) (Info)
  - 6 - Detroit
    - 1 - 157-565 (Medgar Evers Rifle Club) *157-1624*
    - 1 - 157-799 (ROBERT BALL)
    - 1 - 157-812 (JOHN H. JACKSON, JR.) *NOT RECORDED*
    - 1 - 105-10494 (CHARLES EDWARD SIMMONS) *DEC 24 1964*
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It is to be noted that JACKSON has previously been identified as a local Detroit RAM member.

BALL further advised that a meeting of the Executive Board of the Thunderbirds Rifle and Pistol Club was scheduled to be held on Sunday, 12/13/64, at which meeting consideration would be given to the applications of the aforementioned individuals in the club.

Mr. BALL on 12/14/64, advised SA THOMAS P. DRUKEN that the Executive Board meeting of the Thunderbirds was held as scheduled on 12/13/64. He stated that he, as a member of the Executive Board, was in attendance at this meeting. He stated that the applications for membership of BAKER, SIMMONS and JACKSON were rejected at this meeting. He said that none of the above individuals appeared at this meeting and that the reason given by the Executive Board for rejecting their applications was that "they were not sponsored by any club member." He stated that although members of the Executive Board were cognizant of BAKER's and SIMMONS' activities, they did not utilize this information for officially rejecting their applications for membership. He advised that none of the aforementioned individuals would be advised of the fact that their applications for membership had been rejected, however, should they inquire they would be informed that their applications were rejected inasmuch as they were not sponsored by a current member of the club.

Mr. BALL advised that should any additional information come to his attention concerning BAKER, SIMMONS or JACKSON, he would immediately furnish same to the Detroit Office.

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**TO:** DIRECTOR, FBI  
**FROM:** SAC, DETROIT (157-565)

MEDGAR EVERE RIFLE CLUB  
 RACIAL MATTERS  
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REVOLUTIONARY ACTION MOVEMENT  
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Re Bureau airtel to Detroit, dated 11/9/64, captioned "MEDGAR EVERE RIFLE CLUB; RACIAL MATTERS".

Referenced airtel refers to page two of Memphis airtel, which set forth that during a meeting of the Revolutionary Action Movement's Collective Leadership Group several individuals from Detroit stated that a rifle club is currently in operation at the Detroit Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA).

Mr. WALTER VAN HINE, Associate Executive Secretary, YMCA Fisher Branch, 2051 W. Grand Boulevard, Detroit, on 11/16/64, and 11/18/64, advised that the Fisher Branch of the YMCA is the only branch having a rifle range, and that the only club currently shooting is one known as the Thunderbirds, which has been in existence for many years and that all of the members of

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the Thunderbirds are members of the YMCA and of the National Rifle Association (NRA). Mr. VAN HINE described the Thunderbirds as a well organized group which has never caused any difficulties. Although the membership is all Negro, membership in the Thunderbirds is not restricted to Negroes. The group frequently participates in rifle matches throughout the State of Michigan. Mr. VAN HINE stated that the group was obviously proud of their sportsmanlike activity, and that he has never heard any racial matters being discussed. Negroe ~~Executive Officer of 1145 Burlingame~~  
~~Detroit Mich.~~

On 11/18/64, Mr. ROBERT H. BALL, Senior Sanitary Chemist, Detroit Water Board, advised that the rifle club known as the Thunderbirds is an outgrowth of the Brewster Rifle Club which was formed in 1930, and continued its activity until 1959 at the rifle range at the Brewster settlement in Detroit. In 1959, the Detroit PD condemned the Brewster Rifle Club range as being unsafe, and the club then reformed under the name of Thunderbirds and is currently using the range at the Fisher Branch of the YMCA.

Mr. BALL stated that in the early part of 10/64, one KENNETH BROOKS attended a shoot of the Thunderbirds at the Fisher Branch of the YMCA and asked him, Mr. BALL, to address a newly formed rifle club known as Medgar Evers Rifle Club (MERC) at 11605 Linwood, Detroit, Michigan. Mr. BALL stated that he did attend a meeting of MERC and was advised that MERC would like to shoot at the YMCA range, and wanted the Thunderbirds to act as instructors. Mr. BALL stated that he informed MERC that the range belonged to the YMCA and that the members of the Thunderbirds would not act as instructors. Mr. BALL stated that he was advised by RICHARD HENRY, that MERC was formed to encourage people in the proper use of a rifle, and that several of the members of MERC showed the NRA cards. Member Subject Organization

Mr. BALL stated that he is currently the Executive Officer of the Thunderbirds, and has been a former member of the Brewster Rifle Club. Mr. BALL was inactive for some time because of his work and a back injury, but joined the Thunderbirds in 1963.

At the time of the first interview, Mr. BALL stated that he did not have a membership list, but that one would be available through the Thunderbirds President, Mr. ARMAND WATSON, who was then deer hunting and would be unavailable until after Thanksgiving.

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Mr. BALL recalled that RICHARD HENRY, President of the Group on Advanced Leadership (GOAL) and a member of MERC, wanted permission to write an article on the Thunderbirds to appear in the GOAL publication "Now". Mr. BALL stated that the Thunderbirds did not furnish RICHARD HENRY with any material, but they could not restrain RICHARD HENRY from writing an article if he so desired.

According to Mr. BALL, the Thunderbirds shoot in the South-eastern Michigan indoor league and all members are members of the NRA. All members of the Thunderbirds are required to be members of the YMCA and pay dues of \$2.50 per month to the Thunderbirds. The Thunderbirds have on loan from the U.S. Government four 45 caliber automatic pistols, four M-1 rifles and eight Remington rifles, Model 513.

Mr. BALL stated that the Thunderbirds have been approved by the Director of Civilian Marksmanship, a department of the U.S. Army, and that ammunition is purchased by the club from this department.

On 12/1/64, Mr. BALL furnished the following membership list for the ~~Thunderbirds Rifle and Pistol Club~~:

~~B. L. ADDY, 6529 Hazlett, TY 4-8127~~

~~ROBERT H. BALL, SR., 1145 Burlingame, TO 6-4275~~

~~JOHN BARNETT~~

*Mich.*

~~WILLIAM BILLINGS, 15860 Wisconsin, 863-8044~~ *Detroit, Mich.*

~~WENDELL BROWN, 4280 Cortland, WE 4-6906~~

~~SHIRLEY COUCH~~

~~WILLIE FLETCHER, 2706 Vinewood, 826-7397~~

~~ELVA GARRY, 3295 Sturtevant, TO 9-6753~~

~~JOHN T. GAY, 1672 Ethel, DU 6-1849~~

~~Dr. RIGOBERTO GUZMAN, 308 W. South Boulevard, Pontiac, Michigan,  
338-7110~~

*Member Thunderbirds*

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JAMES HATCHER, 3233 Collingwood, 869-2854

*Detroit, Mich.*

EDWARD HINTON, JR., 3756 Whitney, TY 7-9079

RICHARD HINTON, 2925 Burlingame, TO 6-6818

JOHN HOOVER *Mich.*

FRED JACKSON, 2926 McDougall, LO 8-4083

*Detroit, Mich.*

TED MAYO, 6523 Hazlett, 898-5947

WALTER MC MURTRY, 3237 Vicksburg, TY 7-0021

LON MURCHISON *Mich.*

GARRETT NELMS, 896 Glynn, 866-4915

*Detroit, Mich.*

HENRY SIMS, 15375 Muirland, UN 4-9589

DANIEL SMITH *Mich.*

JOHN THORNTON, 4215 Elmwood, WA 3-9018

*Detroit, Mich.*

ROBERT TOMPKINS, 6717 Hartford, TY 6-7019

HENRY TURNER *Mich.*

*Detroit, Mich.*

ARMAND WATSON, 6403 Hazlett, TY 5-8232

MAJOR WINDHAM, JR., 18445 Binder, TW 3-6429

LARRY WILLIAMS, 13205 La Salle, 883-0352

SAM PONDER, 4850 Greenway, WE 5-4420

On 12/1/64, in general conversation with Mr. BALL, he mentioned that three men in the latter part of May or early part of June, 1964, had contacted him at the YMCA range and asked for applications for memberships. One of these men had previous training with a rifle, while the other two were inexperienced. Mr. BALL stated that he could not recall the names of the applicants, with the exception of one person whose name he considered to be unusual, and he was named GENERAL BAKER. Mr. BALL informed the men to

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return in the fall as memberships were not being taken at that time. According to Mr. BALL, the three men were to return on 11/24/64 to demonstrate their ability in handling firearms, but he, Mr. BALL, was not at the range on that date and does not know if they appeared. Mr. BALL stated that there will be a membership meeting on 12/13/64, at which time the group will pass on the applications for membership. Mr. BALL stated that an indication of disloyalty to the U.S. would be sufficient to bar membership in the NRA, which would ultimately bar membership in the Thunderbirds.

It is noted that GENERAL BAKER is a leader in the Detroit local RAM group, and is being considered for inclusion in the Security Index. GENERAL BAKER is the Subject of Bureau file 105-131855.

Bureau permission is requested to recontact Mr. BALL and make available to him public information appearing in Detroit papers in 10/63, concerning BAKER's booing of the National Anthem and subsequent arrests; also an article appearing in the 9/25/64, issue of "Muhammad Speaks", reporting BAKER's unauthorized travel to Cuba.

Indices of the Detroit Division contain no identifiable derogatory information on ROBERT H. BALL.

The following background information was furnished by ROBERT H. BALL:

Race	Negro
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	6/17/20
Place of Birth	Detroit, Michigan
Residence	1145 Burlingame, Detroit <i>Mic.</i>
Employment	Senior Sanitary Chemist, Detroit Water Board, 9/45, to date
Education	Chemical Engineer, graduate of Wayne State University, 1948, Bachelor of Science degree
Marital Status	Married
Wife	<u>MARY HELEN</u>
Son	<u>ROBERT, JR.</u> , student at Wayne State University

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Height	5'9"
Weight	170 pounds
Hair	Gray and black
Army Serial No.	36898226
Military Service	1/44 through 9/45

11/9/64

1 - Mr. Rosack  
1 - Mr. Gray

Airtel

To: SAC, Detroit  
From: Director, FBI (157-1624)  
  
MEDGAR EVERE RIFLE CLUB  
RACIAL MATTERS

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ReMEairtel dated 11/3/64 captioned "Revolutionary Action Movement; IS - Miscellaneous."

On page two of reMEairtel it is set forth that during a meeting of the Revolutionary Action Movement's Collective Leadership Group several individuals from Detroit stated that a rifle group is currently in operation at the Detroit Young Mens Christian Association.

Detroit determine if this rifle club in operation at the Young Mens Christian Association in Detroit has any connection with the above captioned organization. It should be ascertained whether a rifle club is actually in existence, the extent of its operations, and the identity of officers and members.

NOTE:

In connection with the investigation concerning the Revolutionary Action Movement, information was developed that a group of individuals from Detroit boasted of a rifle club in operation at the Detroit YMCA. Detroit is being instructed to ascertain if there is a rifle club in operation and if this club has any connection with the Medgar Evers Rifle Club operating in the Detroit area.

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To: Director, FBI (157-1624) Att.: Civil Rights Section  
General Investigative Division

From: SAC, Cleveland (157-229) (P)

Subject: MEDGAR EVERE RIFLE CLUB

BOMBING MATTERS - THREATS  RACIAL MATTERS

Re CV airtel, 9/10/64.

HAS FURNISHED BOTH RELIABLE AND  
UNRELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST.  
SCE 134-13256-11  
10/20/64 5/1/65

Enclosed are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum. One copy is being furnished DE for info in view of MERC activity in that office.

Copies are also being furnished local military intelligence agencies and Secret Service.

CV T-1 is

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CV T-3 is

It is noted that [REDACTED] has been in contact with LEWIS ROBINSON several times during the past week and ROBINSON

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has asked him to help sponsor a community center ROBINSON has just recently opened in CV. It is believed FOIA(b)(7) - (D) will be an excellent source of pertinent info as to the existence of MERC in the CV area.

CV is continuing to develop other sources concerning this matter and the Bureau will be kept advised of further developments.



## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Cleveland, Ohio  
October 22, 1964

## MEDGAR EVERE RIFLE CLUB

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On September 10, 1964, Sergeant JOHN J. UNGVARY, Bureau of Special Investigations, Cleveland Police Department (CVPD), advised that on September 10, 1964, he was furnished information by the Railway Express Company, Cleveland, reflecting that on August 31, 1964, one 25 pound carton of ammunition for small arms was delivered to the residence of LEWIS G. ROBINSON, 1402 E. 120th Street, Cleveland. The shipment was from the Williams Gunsight Company, 7391 E. Lapeer Road, Davison Michigan.

On September 22, 1964, Mr. BOYD WILLIAMS, Vice-President, Williams Gunsight Company, 7391 E. Lapeer Road, Davison, Michigan, advised that on August 28, 1964, his company received an undated handwritten order from LEWIS G. ROBINSON, 1403 E. 120th Street, Cleveland, Ohio. He stated the order was for 400 rounds of 7.65 Calibre Mauser rifle ammunition. Shipment of the ammunition was made August 31, 1964, and payment was made by a money order in the amount of \$24.

Mr. WILLIAMS stated that this type of ammunition is used in an Argentine military rifle which is considered to be a good rifle. He stated a number of these rifles have been sold commercially.

Mr. WILLIAMS advised that his records did not indicate that they had previously shipped any order to either LEWIS G. ROBINSON or the Medgar Evers Rifle Club. He stated, however, that no index is maintained of cash orders. Mr. WILLIAMS stated he would advise the FBI of any future orders received from the above.

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The September 26, 1964, issue of "The Call and Post," Cleveland weekly Negro newspaper, printed a letter to the editor from JAMES M. RUSSELL, President, and LEWIS G. ROBINSON, Publicity Chairman, of the Freedom Fighters of Ohio.

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RE: MEDGAR EVERE RIFLE CLUB

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The letter referred to an editorial in a daily Cleveland newspaper which endorsed the position of the Glenville YMCA in refusing to continue to rent space in the YMCA to the Freedom Fighters to hold public meetings. The letter stated that the newspaper claimed that the Freedom Fighters had organized a Rifle Club to protect civil rights demonstrations.

The letter to the editor contended that the above editorial was completely in error and stated, "We have not formed a Rifle Club and believe in abiding by the laws of this nation. We believe that even though people may differ in opinion, the American tradition is to allow freedom of expression and fair play. The fact that we met in a Christian building indicated that we believe in the principles of Christianity..."

On October 2, 1964, CV T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised he had talked with LEWIS G. ROBINSON within the past week and that during the conversation, ROBINSON stated that his rifle club exists only in the minds of the public. He stated he made the announcement for "shock value."

On October 4, 1964, CV T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised he had learned from a source he believes to be reliable, that approximately 20 persons attended the first meeting of the Medgar Evers Rifle Club in April, 1964, and about 13 of these people indicated an interest in joining such a club. He stated there were several informal gatherings of these people at ROBINSON's residence after the original meeting, but no meetings have been held since early summer. The source stated that some of the persons attending stated they had their own rifles. He said there were no efforts made to raise money to obtain arms, no rifle practice, and no set program. The source stated that most of the time was spent talking about how afraid the white people were of the prospects of Negroes organizing a rifle club. The source stated that it appeared that ROBINSON was primarily interested in getting publicity and in shocking the community rather than in actually organizing a club.

RE: MEDGAR EVERE RIFLE CLUB

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On October 8, 1964, LEWIS G. ROBINSON was interviewed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. At this time, ROBINSON refused to either confirm or deny that he has organized a "rifle club," stating that each person interested in the answer to this question will have to speculate upon the matter and arrive at his own answer. ROBINSON expressed the opinion that further violence will occur before the racial situation is finally resolved. He stated that "the white power structure" will talk with representatives of the civil rights movement and will "take positions" in favor of racial equality, but that such positions are not followed by positive action to remedy Negro grievances. ROBINSON advised that, in his opinion, the Negro people are becoming aware of this and are gradually realizing that violence will be necessary if a permanent solution to Negro grievances is to be achieved. He stated that "street fighting" is now considered to be "passe" and that everyone knows that violent resistance will be carried on by "sniper action from rooftops." ROBINSON emphasized that he does not advocate resorting to violence, except as a purely defensive measure, but stated that he is merely expressing his opinion concerning the current attitudes of both the Negro people and "the white power structure."

ROBINSON stated he has no information concerning conspiratorial efforts by any group to foment racial strife. He expressed the opinion that any riots occurring in the future will be spontaneous in nature and will probably be triggered by an irritating incident in the Negro community such as an arrest involving a display of "police brutality." Such an incident, he stated, could release the great backlog of resentment which permeates the Negro community. ROBINSON further advised that he regards a conspiratorial approach to racial violence as an unlikely possibility due to the apathy of many Negro people regarding racial discrimination. He stated it is difficult to get many Negroes to participate in picket lines and other forms of demonstrations much less persuading them to deliberately become involved in a riot. He reiterated his opinion, however, that a major racial disturbance could be provoked if the right combination of combustible elements are ever united in a single incident.

RE: MEDGAR EVERE RIFLE CLUB

HAS FURNISHED BOTH RELIABLE AND UNRELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST.

CV T-3 who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on October 12, 1964, that on October 11, 1964, LEWIS ROBINSON was one of the speakers at a meeting of the Freedom Fighters held in Cleveland. The source stated LEWIS ROBINSON is Publicity Chairman of the Freedom Fighters which the source described as a small, local civil rights group which has been active primarily in attempting to gain additional employment opportunities for Negroes. The source stated there were about ten people present at the meeting.

According to the source, ROBINSON stated there will be a court hearing in November, 1964, concerning his dismissal from his position as a City of Cleveland Housing Inspector. ROBINSON stated he is confident he will get his job back because he has not taken any action to actually organize a rifle club but only made statements that he intended to do so. He stated that removing him from his job for making statements was a violation of his right of free speech and he felt he would get his job back on this basis.

ROBINSON further stated that if he had wanted to have a rifle club, he would not have made a public announcement. He further said he would certainly not take any action at this time because it would go badly for him in his court case if it could be established that he had actually organized a club.

The source reported that ROBINSON was asked if there would be any rifle training at the new neighborhood center which ROBINSON was in the process of establishing at 8801 Superior Avenue, and ROBINSON stated he did not want to discuss it any further.

Sergeant JOHN J. UNGVARY, Bureau of Special Investigations, CVPD, advised on October 16, 1964, that SELMER PREWITT, Prewitt Realty Company, 7807 Cedar Avenue, Cleveland, OHIO had told Sergeant UNGVARY that about a month ago, LEWIS ROBINSON inquired of PREWITT whether he could use the firing range located at Midway Lake Park, Orwell, Ohio. PREWITT stated that he is an officer of the Outhwaite Gun Club located at Midway Lake Park. PREWITT stated he told ROBINSON that the facilities were not available for the use of outside groups. PREWITT stated that he gathered from ROBINSON's remarks that he does not have a range available at which to practice.

RE: MEDGAR EVERE RIFLE CLUB

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On October 21, 1964, Sergeant UNGVARY advised that the Bureau of Special Investigations, CVPD, has continued to be alert for any information concerning the Medgar Evers Rifle Club. He stated that his agency has developed no further pertinent information concerning this matter and is in possession of no information indicating that an actual rifle club has been formed.

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Date: 9/10/64

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (157-229) (P)

⑥ MEDGAR EVERE RIFLE CLUB

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It is noted that LEWIS G. ROBINSON announced in 4/64, that he intended to organize the Medgar Evers Rifle Club in CV.

DE is requested to contact the Williams Gunsight Co., ascertain the contents of the shipment, determine whether any previous orders have been shipped to ROBINSON, and arrange to be advised if any future orders are received from him or captioned club.

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*T. J. Johnson*

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Airtel

1 - Mr. Trainor  
2 - Mr. Freund

To: SAC, Detroit  
From: Director, FBI

MEDGAR EVERE RIFLE CLUB (MERC)  
DETROIT, MICHIGAN  
RACIAL MATTERS

ReDEtel 9-30-64, and prior communications concerning captioned organization.

It appears that captioned organization has been organized and contemplates acts of violence. Therefore, immediate and thorough investigation should be conducted to identify officers and members of this group. Steps should be taken to insure that the plans and activities of this group are immediately brought to your attention.

Immediate effort should be made to develop informants and other sources for adequate coverage of MERC. Instructions set forth in Manual of Instructions Section 122 should be closely followed. The Bureau should be kept currently and promptly advised of pertinent developments concerning this group.

Detroit submit original and seven copies of letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination containing pertinent information in reDEtel dated 9-30-64.

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NOTE: MERC was founded in August, 1964, by "Group on Advanced Leadership," a civil rights organization which was formed in 1961. The purpose of MERC was stated to be "to protect Negroes where such protection is not offered by the authorities." Information has been received that members of MERC have acquired firearms and ammunition and have engaged in rifle practice. Detroit has advised of information that MERC might become involved in Detroit, Michigan, on October 2, 3, and 4, 1964, in connection with racial situations involving alleged trouble between Negro boys and girls and the Detroit Police Department. In view of the purpose of the organization and possibility of MERC being involved in violence, Detroit is being instructed to conduct investigation of the group.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM: SAC, DETROIT (157-755)  
 "BLACK NATIONALISTS" GROUPS  
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Re-Bureau-airtel 9/8/64.

GROUP ON ADVANCED LEADERSHIP (GOAL)

GOAL is a Civil Rights organization organized in Detroit in 1962. RICHARD HENRY, President of GOAL, stated that GOAL does not seek a separate Negro state but that Negroes should try to control cities where they are in the majority. The president of GOAL recently organized the Medger Evers Rifle Club (MERC) in Detroit. This rifle club has engaged in rifle practice on various occasions.

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are presently furnishing information concerning activities of GOAL and MERC.

Investigation concerning GOAL and MERC is continuing and attempts are being made to secure additional coverage.

## 7 - Bureau

- (1 - 100-442379 GOAL and MERC)
- (1 - 157-1022 UHURU)
- (1 - 3-42 CHARLES THOMAS, JR.)
- (1 - 157- DIRECT ACTION COMMITTEE)

## 5 - Detroit

- (1 - 100-31601 GOAL)
- (1 - 157-565 MERC)
- (1 - 100-31578 UHURU)
- (1 - 157-401 CHARLES THOMAS, JR.)

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UHURU

UHURU is a local organization which has been the subject of investigation at Detroit; UHURU has been inactive for approximately one year and has engaged in no racial demonstrations. During the past summer four members of UHURU traveled to Cuba in violation of Government regulations. Source has advised that UHURU for all practical purposes is "dead" and that members are affiliated with another Civil Rights organization in Detroit.

This matter will be closely followed and Bureau promptly advised of any pertinent developments.

DIRECT ACTION COMMITTEE (DAC)

DAC is a local Civil Rights organization in Ann Arbor, Michigan. No demonstrations have been sponsored by this organization for over six months and since the removal of CHARLES THOMAS, JR., as chairman its activities have ceased.

Any indication of reactivation of this organization will be promptly brought to the attention of the Bureau.

Investigation concerning the DAC has been previously furnished in the matter of CHARLES THOMAS, JR.

This matter is being given expeditious attention by the Detroit Office.

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Date: 9/22/64

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-442379)  
 FROM: SAC, DETROIT (157-565) (P)  
 MEDGAR EVERE RIFLE CLUB  
 DETROIT, MICHIGAN  
 RACIAL MATTERS

Attention: Civil Rights Section, General Investigative  
 Division

Re Detroit airtel dated 9/16/64.

Enclosed for the Bureau are original and eight copies of a LHM concerning a meeting of the captioned club held on 9/20/64.

One copy each of LHM being furnished G-2, Detroit, and the Cleveland Office for information.

The Michigan State Police and Detroit PD have been advised of the contents of this LHM.

Source #1 utilized in <sup>sum is</sup> FOIA(b) (7) - (D) Source #2 is

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1 - Cleveland (157-229) (Enc. 1) (Info REC- 54)

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1 - 100-31601 (GOAL)

1 - 157-706 (POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE, MAJOR URBAN AREAS)

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## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Detroit, Michigan  
September 22, 1964

Re: Medgar Evers Rifle Club  
Detroit, Michigan

On September 21, 1964, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that seven members of the Medgar Evers Rifle Club (MERC), including Richard Henry, President of Group on Advanced Leadership (GOAL), met at the headquarters of GOAL located on Linwood Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, during the early afternoon of September 20, 1964.

Source advised that at approximately 1:15 PM the members, including Richard Henry, left GOAL headquarters and proceeded to the Tom Freeman Country Club located in the area of New Boston, Michigan. Source advised that the purpose of the trip was to allow members to engage in rifle practice, however, upon arrival at Tom Freeman's Country Club, it was ascertained that it would cost each shooter \$25.00 to join the club and Richard Henry decided that this was entirely too much money.

Source advised that the members then proceeded to the farm of one of the member's brother-in-law's located in the immediate area of New Boston, where they held rifle practice. Source advised that all the members fired a .22 caliber rifle and that one of the members in attendance at this meeting had three guns with him, a .38 caliber revolver, a shotgun and a 30-06 rifle.

Source advised that the members left the New Buffalo area and returned to GOAL headquarters in Detroit arriving there at approximately 4:30 PM. Source stated that all members of the rifle club are in the process of executing an application for membership in the National Rifle Association (NRA). Source stated that when these applications are completed and submitted to the NRA, the MERC members then will be able to indicate that they are members of the NRA.

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ENCLOSURE

Re: Medgar Evers Rifle Club  
Detroit, Michigan

On September 22, 1964, a second source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, corroborated the information as set forth above furnished by source #1 concerning a meeting of the MERC held on September 20, 1964.

Second source additionally advised that MERC and Richard Henry are considering the feasibility of leasing some property in the New Boston area to utilize as a rifle range. Source advised an individual in the New Boston area, at the request of Richard Henry, is going to make inquiry in this regard with local municipal officials.

Lieutenant George Rollins, Special Investigations, Detroit Police Department, on September 22, 1964, advised that a meeting of MERC at which MERC members participated in rifle practice in the New Boston area was held on September 20, 1964. Rollins advised that he possessed no additional pertinent information concerning the meeting of MERC on September 20, 1964, other than that set forth above.

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Date: 8/24/64

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (157-229) (P)  
 MEDGAR EVERE RIFLE CLUB  
 RACIAL MATTERS

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Cleveland is continuing efforts to develop additional information and sources in this matter. We are in the process of locating and interviewing one JAMES ROBERT GREENE, who reportedly attended the organization meeting of MERC in Cleveland in 4/64. In addition, we are continuing efforts to develop additional information as to whether ROBINSON did contact the Outhwaite Gun Club or any other clubs in this area which might be suitable for rifle practice.

The Bureau and Detroit will be kept advised of further developments.

The LHM is being classified CONFIDENTIAL because information from the first source could reasonably result in the identification of a confidential informant of continuing value and compromise his future effectiveness. (NATIONAL DEFENSE) (SECURITY INFORMATION) 157-1624 B

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Cleveland, Ohio  
August 24, 1964

## MEDGAR EVERE RIFLE CLUB

On August 11, 1964, Lieutenant Martin Cooney and Sergeant John J. Ungvary, Bureau of Special Investigations, Cleveland Police Department, advised that they have continued to remain alert for any indications that the Medgar Evers Rifle Club (MERC), reportedly headed by Lewis G. Robinson, has become an active organization, but they have received no such indications.

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Lieutenant Cooney and Sergeant Ungvary stated they had received information from the Detroit, Michigan, Police Department concerning the appearance of Lewis G. Robinson before the Detroit Medgar Evers Rifle Club in Detroit on August 3, 1964. It is noted that Robinson reportedly stated at the Detroit meeting that in Cleveland if a Group On Advanced Leadership (GOAL) member had trouble in an area populated with white people, he was to report to GOAL headquarters and get a crew. Two or three individuals would then dress in baseball uniforms and carry baseball bats. These people would walk through the white area and if anyone started trouble, they would fight back using the baseball bats. Further, two or three cars full of GOAL members would follow and assist in any fight that developed. Robinson is alleged to have stated that in Cleveland they have had several fights with white people and they have a supply of body armor with which to protect themselves. Lieutenant Cooney and Sergeant Ungvary stated that there were no GOAL headquarters in Cleveland and they would review all police reports on racial fights in Cleveland to determine if any fit the pattern described by Robinson.

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On August 18, 1964, Lieutenant Cooney and Sergeant Ungvary stated that they had reviewed all pertinent police reports and none indicated that the techniques described by Robinson had been used.

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Sergeant Ungvary stated he had heard a rumor, source not recalled, that Robinson had made inquiry about the availability of facilities for rifle practice at the Outhwaite Gun Club located on Route 322, near Orwell, Ohio. Sergeant Ungvary stated he went to the above club to look over the facilities and found that they could be used only for skeet and trap shooting. He stated the gun club is located on private grounds used for picnics and swimming. He said that the property is owned by Cleveland Negroes and is used primarily by Negro groups for social outings. He stated that the entire grounds cover about 300 acres and he feels that this is the place Robinson referred to in his Detroit appearance when he stated that he had available to him a 300 acre farm on which the group could practice with their weapons.

On August 24, 1964, Lieutenant Cooney and Sergeant Ungvary advised that they had not received or developed any additional information indicating that the MERC had become an active group.

On August 6, 1964, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that he continues to talk with Lewis Robinson periodically and that he has received no indication that the MERC has become an actual organization. The source stated that he feels certain that Robinson would ask him to join if he does organize an active club. The source stated Lewis Robinson likes to make extravagant claims which have little or no basis in fact, and the source stated he continues to feel that Robinson publicly announced his intention of organizing a rifle club primarily for the purpose of shocking the community and to try to impress upon the public the urgency of the Negroes' demand for civil rights. He stated that he does not believe that Robinson ever did intend to have vigilante groups patrolling the streets.

On August 24, 1964, the above source advised that he could furnish no additional information concerning MERC.

On August 14, 1964, Dr. Kenneth W. Clement, Vice President of the Cleveland Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and Chairman of the National Medical Association, advised that he is acquainted with Lewis Robinson and with Robinson's announcement in April, 1964, that he intended to organize a rifle club. Dr. Clement stated that he has never received any indication that such a rifle club has been actually organized or that there have been any purchases of rifles and ammunition or any rifle practices held. He stated that Lewis

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Robinson has been thoroughly discredited as a leader in the civil rights movement and that he has less than 20 followers in a small local civil rights group known as the Freedom Fighters. Dr. Clement stated that Robinson is unbelievably stupid in the statements he makes and Dr. Clement does not believe that Robinson will ever have a substantial amount of influence. Dr. Clement stated that Robinson led the Freedom Fighters group in picketing Richman Brothers Clothes earlier this year and that this campaign was not supported by any other civil rights group because there was no real basis for the campaign against Richman stores.

Dr. Clement stated he would continue to be alert for any indications of MERC activity in Cleveland.

On August 21, 1964, another source, who has furnished reliable information in the past and who is very active in the Cleveland civil rights movement, stated that he is acquainted with Lewis Robinson and his threats to organize a rifle club in Cleveland. The source stated that he has heard no statements or rumors among the Negro community that Robinson ever proceeded with his announced intention of forming such a club. The source further stated that Robinson has very little following among Cleveland Negroes and is ignored by established civil rights groups. The source stated that in May, 1964, Lewis Robinson was present at a meeting of the Cleveland Chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality in which plans were being made for a forthcoming demonstration, but Robinson was ignored by those present and he left before the meeting was over.

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Re Bureau airtel 8/10/64, and Detroit airtel 8/15/64.

*E* Lt. MARTIN COONEY and Sgt. JOHN J. UNGVARY, Bureau of Special Investigations, Cleveland FFOIA(b) (7) - (D) other sources in racial field, have received no information that LEWIS G. ROBINSON does have an active gun club in Cleveland. Cleveland PD records do not reflect any incidents involving fights between Negroes and white in Cleveland which fit those described by ROBINSON before the Detroit Club on 8/3/64.

Additional investigation is being conducted concerning rumor that ROBINSON had made inquiries about holding rifle practice at a private gun club operated by Negroes near Orville, Ohio. Sources are making additional inquiries and further efforts are being made by this office to develop additional sources. Letterhead memo will be submitted.

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Director, FBI

MEDGAR EVERE RIFLE CLUB  
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Cleveland letter 6-11-64 enclosing LHM indicating sources of the Cleveland Division have continued to follow this organization closely and that there have been no indications of any kind that the group has met since the initial meeting April 8, 1964.

Even though Lewis G. Robinson who made the announcement the group would be founded has reportedly taken no action to form such an organization, it is imperative that the Bureau keep on top of this situation so as to be immediately alerted in the event of any actual meetings or individual activity directed at the collection of weapons by this type group.

Cleveland should submit current LHM containing the results of up-to-date contacts with sources concerning the Medgar Evers Rifle Club.

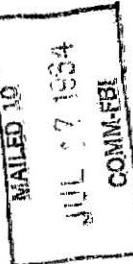
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Robinson, a leading picket for the Freedom Fighters in Cleveland, on April 8, 1964, made a public announcement to the effect the Medgar Evers Rifle Club was being formed to protect civil rights demonstrators as police failed to do so. Idea for the group came about with the appearance of Malcolm X, black Muslim leader in Cleveland. Investigation to date has shown that no such organization actually has been formed and a survey by Cleveland police has shown no increase in the number of rifles purchased recently. However, in view of the dangers inherent in the formation of such a group, if it should actually take place, it is believed desirable to follow Cleveland to insure we are keeping on top of this situation. Robinson's wife has been active in Fair Play for Cuba Committee and has traveled to Cuba via Mexico without permission of the State Department.



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# Memorandum

TO : *EB* DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, CLEVELAND (157-229)

SUBJECT: MEDGAR EVERE RIFLE CLUB  
RACIAL MATTERS

DATE: June 11, 1964

Agency G-2, ONI, OSI, CRD *+ TS + SS*  
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By *H. E. Turner*  
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Re Cleveland airtel dated 5/7/64.

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The source mentioned in the letterhead memorandum  
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The Cleveland Office will continue to remain alert for any information indicating that plans are being made to actually organize such a group.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Cleveland, Ohio  
June 11, 1964

MEDGAR EVERE RIFLE CLUB

On May 9, 1964, Lieutenant MARTIN COONEY, Bureau of Special Investigations, Cleveland Police Department, Cleveland, Ohio, advised that his bureau has continued to follow captioned matter closely and there have been no indications of any kind that the club has met since the initial meeting on April 8, 1964.

Lieutenant COONEY stated that he and other officers from his bureau have talked to LEWIS G. ROBINSON, who made the announcement that the club would be founded, on several occasions and ROBINSON has assured them that if any further action is taken, he will make the necessary arrangements to attempt to obtain a charter from the State of Ohio in accordance with existing laws.

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Lieutenant COONEY stated that ROBINSON continues to be active in the civil rights movement in Cleveland and recently led picketing protesting alleged discrimination against Negroes by the Richman Brothers clothing stores. He stated that no violence of any kind resulted from this picketing.

He stated that ROBINSON continues to await the outcome of the Cleveland Civil Service Commission's ruling on his dismissal from his job as a Cleveland Housing Inspector, which occurred after he announced his intentions to form captioned club. Lieutenant COONEY stated that officers of the Cleveland Police Department have made surveys of local gun stores and there has been no indication that there has been any increase in the number of rifles purchased recently.

He stated that the Cleveland Police Department will continue to follow the activities of ROBINSON closely.

RE: MEDGAR EVERE RIFLE CLUB

On June 8, 1964, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that he is well acquainted with LEWIS ROBINSON and has received no information indicating that any further meetings of the Medgar Evers Rifle Club have been held or that any such meetings are contemplated in the near future.

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FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (157-229) (P) Agency G-2, ONI, OSI, CRD-15, 55, Reserve  
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The LHM is being classified CONFIDENTIAL because information from the ~~third~~ source could reasonably result in the identification of a confidential informant of continuing value and compromise his future effectiveness.

It is noted that it has been determined that the reporter who wrote the article in "The Cleveland Press" concerning the meeting on April 8, 1964, was HILBERT N. BLACK, a Negro reporter for that paper. Sergeant JOHN J. UNGVARY, Cleveland PD, stated that BLACK told them he had received a call from someone at the meeting and that he had no information in addition to that appearing in the article.

Sergeant UNGVARY further stated that he has two people who have volunteered to attend any future meetings and furnish him information. It is also expected that ~~the~~ FOIA(b)(7) - (D) will be able to provide coverage of any future activities.

The Cleveland Office will continue to remain alert for any information indicating that plans are being made to actually organize such a club.



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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.Cleveland, Ohio  
May 7, 1964~~CONFIDENTIAL~~MEDGAR EVERE RIFLE CLUB

On April 4, 1964, Lewis G. Robinson, 1402 East 120th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, announced publicly that he planned to form a rifle club to protect civil rights demonstrators if police failed to do so. He stated an organization meeting would be held at his residence on April 8, 1964, and that the club would be open to anyone, white or Negro, over the age 21.

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In connection with another investigation, a source advised on February 4, 1964, that Lewis G. Robinson was employed at that time by the City of Cleveland, Division of Housing, as a Housing Inspector, and he had been so employed since January 9, 1959.

The source advised that according to background data submitted by Robinson, he was born January 5, 1929, at Decatur, Alabama. He attended Central High School, Cleveland, from September, 1945, until June, 1946, and received his high school diploma through correspondence courses while with the U. S. Army. He attended Calvin Coolidge College, 45 Mount Vernon, Boston, Massachusetts, from September, 1948, until September, 1949. He attended Portia Law School, Boston, Massachusetts, from September, 1949, until June, 1951, and received an LLB degree. He also attended Cleveland College, Cleveland, from September, 1955, until August, 1956, and took law courses at Cleveland Marshall Law School, Cleveland, from September, 1956, until April, 1957, but did not receive a degree.

The source reported that Robinson served in the U. S. Army from July 17, 1946, until he was honorably discharged on November 21, 1949.

The source further advised that Robinson was dismissed from U. S. Government employment with the Internal Revenue Service in 1957, and Robinson stated this was because he was not strict enough with delinquent accounts.

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Robinson also indicated to the source that he was employed from March, 1958, until April, 1959, as a Field Representative for the City of Cleveland and from August, 1959, until he was accepted for employment by the Division of Housing on January 1, 1959, he was a clerical employee of the U.S. Post Office, Cleveland.

The source commented that Robinson's employment with the City of Cleveland has been highly unsatisfactory and that he was once suspended for thirty days for incompetency as well as the fact that he was not suited for the position.

The source stated that ROBINSON has been active in a local Negro civil rights organization known as the Freedom Fights of Ohio, and that he believed Robinson was the president of the organization.

~~BETH MICHELE ROBINSON~~ ~~ROBINSON~~ ~~N.Y.~~  
~~On January 27, 1964, the records of the Probate Court for the County of Cuyahoga, Cleveland, Ohio, reflected B. 1939 that Lewis G. Robinson and Beth Wolland applied for a marriage license on January 4, 1964. The application reflected that Robinson is a Negro whose residence was shown as 1402 East 120th Street, Cleveland. He listed his age as 34 and his occupation as a Housing Inspector. He listed his parents as Rufus Robinson and Lillian Robinson, nee Fuzzella. He noted that he was previously married to Anna Pennamonyard that they were divorced on June 29, 1954, at Cleveland.~~ ~~ROBINSON~~ ~~MRS. LEWIS G. ROBINSON~~ ~~OHIO~~  
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The application also reflected that Beth Wolland is a white female and her residence was listed as 10081 Kee Mai Court, New York City. She listed her age as 25 and her occupation as a reporter. Her parents were shown as Erwin Wolland and Lauretta Wolland, nee Gudtrout. ~~MR & MRS~~ ~~U.S.A.~~

The records further reflected that Lewis G. Robinson and Beth Wolland were married on January 10, 1964, in Cleveland.

A source concerning Beth Michele Robinson advised that she travelled to Havana, Cuba, in May, 1961, and returned to the United States in January, 1962. In 1962, a second source advised she gave speeches favorable to the Fidel Castro government at Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC) affairs in the New York City area. She has stated that while in Cuba she was employed by the Ministry of Education compiling statistics. She was arrested on April 6, 1964, when she attempted to interfere with construction work on a new school in Cleveland in connection with a racial demonstration sponsored by civil rights organizations.

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A characterization of the FPCC is attached.

By report dated November 15, 1963, Sergeant John J. Ungvary, Bureau of Special Investigations, Cleveland Police Department, advised that Lewis Robinson was one of the persons who participated in a protest demonstration by picketing the appearance of U. S. Attorney General Robert Kennedy in Cleveland on November 15, 1963. He reported that the Monroe Defense Committee sponsored the picketing.

A characterization of the Monroe Defense Committee is attached.

A second source advised on November 13, 1963, that on November 2, 1963, the Militant Labor Forum and the Freedom Fighters co-sponsored a public meeting to provide a forum for Harold Reape, one of the Monroe, North Carolina, defendants who is mentioned in the attached characterization of the Monroe Defense Committee. The source stated that Lewis Robinson, as president of the Freedom Fighters, presided at the meeting.

A characterization of the Militant Labor Forum is attached.

An article in the "Plain Dealer", a daily Cleveland newspaper, issue of April 6, 1964, reflected that Cleveland Safety Director John N. McCormick had stated on April 5, 1964, that the Medgar Evers Rifle Club would be kept under close surveillance to insure public safety. The article quoted Mr. McCormick as saying the club was "contrary to every standard of decency."

The same article reflected that Cuyahoga County Prosecutor John T. Corrigan had announced that the rifle club would be scrutinized to determine whether any law had been broken. He stated that persons wanting to form a rifle club have to be cleared by the Ohio Adjutant General's Office in Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Corrigan stated that the Adjutant General's Office forwards such requests to the prosecutor's office and a check is made of background and police records of persons seeking to form the club. He stated that if everything checks out properly, the club is registered with the Adjutant General.

An article in "The Cleveland Press," a daily newspaper, issue of April 6, 1964, reflected that, in an interview with a reporter of that paper, Lewis G. Robinson praised the violence preached by the Black Muslims and predicted: "We could easily have a Cyprus situation in this country. In Cyprus it's the Greeks vs. the Turks. Here it is Negro vs. white."

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Robinson was also quoted as stating: "I expect announcement of my rifle club to cause a massive reaction among the whites and that they, too, will organize their own rifle clubs. I expect violence here in Cleveland. But I hope the confrontation will awaken the people to the situation and eradicate the entire problem."

The article reflected that during the course of the interview, Robinson stated that while serving in the Army, he was given a summary court martial on charges of failing to make a formation and was fined \$50.00 and restricted to the post for thirty days.

An article in the same newspaper dated April 9, 1964, reflected that the Medgar Evers Rifle Club met for the first time the previous evening in the home of Lewis G. Robinson and debated how to protect civil rights demonstrators. According to the article, one of the questions was whether M-1 rifles, Garand semi-automatic weapons or shotguns would be more effective. Robinson reportedly displayed two M-1 rifles which he said were his. Another person brought a single-barrel shotgun to the meeting which he believed should be the basic weapon of the club.

The article reflected that between 20 and 25 men were present and Robinson barred reporters from the news media. Four of those in attendance were white, one a minister who protested against violence and urged peaceful sit-in demonstrations.

The article further stated that Robinson did most of the talking and said the purpose of the club was to give protection which police had not provided at recent racial demonstrations. He said the club was to be used solely for the protection of life but this had been misconstrued by the newspapers. Robinson did not take the names of any who were present, did not take up a collection and did not pass out any literature. He reportedly stated that the next meeting would be announced in the newspapers.

On May 5, 1964, Sergeant John J. Ungvary advised that representatives of the Police Department were in the vicinity of Robinson's residence on the evening of April 8, 1964, during the period of the organization meeting of the rifle club and automobiles registered to the following persons were observed in the vicinity:

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~~Jimmie Dawkins, 11316 Hopkins Avenue~~

~~Daisy Rickard, 1166 Hayden~~

~~Willie Devon Crenshaw, 2306 E. 87th Street~~

~~Guy G. Patton, 3846 E. 132~~

~~Gilbert Gritt, 11611 Thornwood~~

~~Earl Williamson, 12314 Saywell~~

~~Cleo Smith, 1595 E. 86th~~

~~Mandrie Gentry, 7803 Cedar~~

~~Ruemylia Pearl, 3702 Cedar~~

~~Robert Mc Graw, 799 Eddy~~

~~Twila Greene, 774 Eddy~~

~~Leo Sutton, 12616 Woodside~~

*Cleveland, Ohio*  
By report dated August 11, 1951, the Cleveland Police Department advised that ~~Guy Patton, 3346 E. 132nd Street, Cleveland, Ohio~~, had circulated a nominating petition on behalf of Marie Reed Haug who was a candidate in 1951 for the Cleveland Board of Education.

Marie Reed Haug was one of seven defendants convicted in U. S. District Court, Cleveland, Ohio, on January 29, 1958, of conspiring to violate the Labor Management Relations Act of 1947 through the filing of false non-communist union officer affidavits. She was sentenced to eighteen months in custody of the Attorney General.

A third source furnished information on January 31, 1952, reflecting that an automobile registered to Gus Patton, 3346 E. 132nd Street, Cleveland, Ohio, was parked in the vicinity of the meeting place of the American Peoples Congress and Exposition for Peace, sponsored by the American Peace Crusade in Chicago, Illinois, on June 30 and July 1, 1951.

The American Peace Crusade has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Sergeant Ungvary pointed out that the Police Department does not have definite information that the above-named persons attended the meeting, and his reports reflect only that automobiles registered to the above persons were observed in the vicinity of the Robinson residence at the time of the meeting.

Sergeant Ungvary further stated that he has talked with Lewis G. Robinson about the rifle club and Robinson has assured him that the club would be organized only through proper channels, that is, by making application to the Adjutant General's Office in Columbus, Ohio. Sergeant Ungvary stated that both the Adjutant General's Office and the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office have been alerted to immediately advise the Cleveland Police Department if such an application is received from Robinson or the Medgar Evers Rifle Club. Sergeant Ungvary stated that no application has been filed to date and that the Bureau of Special Investigations has no information indicating that another meeting of the club has been planned. He stated that they will continue to keep close watch on this situation and will advise this office of any further developments.

An article in the "Plain Dealer," issue of April 19, 1963, reflected an interview with Robinson concerning his being suspended from his job. Robinson was quoted as saying: "The white people want the Negro to remain passive. They feel he has no right to use the American tradition of self defense to achieve his rights. ... The men at Concord and Bunker Hill were not non-violent. They were men banding together to achieve their rights. That's what the Negro is doing."

According to the article, Robinson also stated that city officials had been misinformed by the newspaper as to the nature of his club. He cited an article which quoted as saying that his club had a cadre of instructors. Robinson said, "This is not true. There were no instructors. We were simply a group of people who were considering forming a club." He also denied rumors that the group might be importing arms and asked, "Why should we bring in arms when it would be easier to go downtown and buy them?"

On May 5, 1964, the second source mentioned above advised that he is well acquainted with Lewis G. Robinson and has talked with him about the rifle club. He stated that Robinson's purpose in announcing that such a club would be formed was to shock the community and to try to impress upon the public the urgency of the Negroes' demand for civil rights. He stated that Robinson does not and never did intend to have vigilante groups patrolling the streets. Insofar as the source

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knows, no further meetings have been held, no actual rifle club organization exists and no ammunition or arms have been purchased. The source stated that in his opinion, Robinson's purpose was served when he made the announcement and there is no need for going ahead with the actual formation of such a club.

An article in "The Cleveland Press," issue of April 10, 1964, reflected that Lewis G. Robinson was suspended from his position as a city housing inspector on April 9, 1964, because of his announced intention to form a rifle club for the purposes previously set forth. Robinson was quoted as saying, "I am going to fight my suspension all the way. I am going to fight it on my constitutional right to organize a gun club." According to the article, he also stated that the U. S. Government indirectly supports gun clubs by encouraging the National Rifle Association and that his club would apply for membership in the National Rifle Association.

An article in the same newspaper on April 13, 1964, reflected that Robinson was fired that afternoon by Urban Renewal Director James Lister who told him, "You are part of the law enforcement arm in the city government. You just can't say one thing from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM and then something else after working hours."

An article in the "Plain Dealer," issue of April 28, 1964, reflected that the civil service appeal of Lewis G. Robinson concerning the loss of his job would be heard by the Cleveland Civil Service Commission on June 1, 1964.

An article in "The Cleveland Press," issue of April 21, 1964, reflected that Frank C. Daniel, Secretary of the National Rifle Association, Washington, D.C., had announced in response from an inquiry by a member of the Association that the Medgar Evers Rifle Club will be turned down if it applies for membership in the National Rifle Association. Daniel was quoted as stating, "No club could be affiliated with such an avowed purpose in being" and added that the Association was tightening up its affiliation qualifications.

All sources mentioned in this memorandum and in the attached characterization pages have furnished reliable information in the past.

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RE: MEDGAR EVERE RIFLE CLUB

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FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE

The April 6, 1960, edition of "The New York Times" newspaper contained a full-page advertisement captioned "What Is Really Happening in Cuba," placed by the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC). This advertisement announced the formation of the FPCC in New York City and declared the FPCC intended to promulgate "the truth about revolutionary Cuba" to neutralize the distorted American press.

"The New York Times" edition of January 11, 1961, reported that at a hearing conducted before the United States Senate Internal Security Subcommittee on January 10, 1961, Dr. Charles A Santos-Buch identified himself and Robert Taber as organizers of the FPCC. He also testified he and Taber obtained funds from the Cuban Government which were applied toward the cost of the aforementioned advertisement.

On May 16, 1963, a source advised that during the first two years of the FPCC's existence there was a struggle between the Communist Party (CP) and Socialist Workers Party (SWP) elements to exert their power within the FPCC and thereby influence FPCC policy. However, during the past year this source observed there has been a successful effort by FPCC leadership to minimize the role of these and other organizations in the FPCC so that today their influence is negligible.

On May 20, 1963, a second source advised that the National Headquarters of the FPCC is located in Room 329 at 799 Broadway, New York City. According to this source, the position of National Office Director was created in the Fall of 1962 and was filled by Vincent "Ted" Lee, who now formulates FPCC policy. This source observed Lee has followed a course of entertaining and accepting the cooperation of many other organizations including the CP and the SWP when he has felt it would be to his personal benefit as well as the FPCC's. However, Lee has indicated to this source he has no intention of permitting FPCC policy to be determined by any other organization. Lee feels the FPCC should advocate resumption of diplomatic relations between Cuba and the United States and support the right of Cubans to manage their revolution without interference from other nations, but not support the Cuban revolution per se.

The CP and the SWP have been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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RE: MEDGAR EVERE RIFLE CLUB

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MILITANT LABOR FORUM

On May 7, 1959, a source advised that the "Militant Labor Forum" is a paper organization set up by the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) at Chicago, Illinois, for SWP members and sympathizers. Open meetings are held, under the auspices of this Forum, on an irregular basis and are geared to the activities that the SWP is pursuing at a particular time, for example, unemployment, election campaigns, etc.

The leaders of the various committees, set up within the Chicago SWP Branch, are in charge of the "Militant Labor Forum" and schedule meetings under the name of the Forum in order to conceal the SWP sponsorship of same. The meetings of the Forum are generally held at Chicago SWP Headquarters although the Forum also sponsors other affairs, such as meetings, socials and picnics held at other locations.

The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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RE: MEDGAR EVERE RIFLE CLUB

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MONROE DEFENSE COMMITTEE (MDC)

A source advised on February 16, 1962, that GERALD QUINN, a member of the Workers World Party (WWP) from New York, was sent to Cleveland, Ohio, in October, 1961, by the Monroe Defense Committee of New York to organize an MDC in Cleveland, and that QUINN, with the aid of TED and FRANCES DOSTAL, members of the WWP, and WILLIE MAE MALLORY, organized an MDC in Cleveland, with headquarters at 1289 East 115th Street.

On March 3, 1964, this source related that the purpose of the MDC in Cleveland was to aid in the support of WILLIE MAE MALLORY in her fight against extradition to Monroe, North Carolina. Following her extradition in January, 1964, headquarters of MDC was moved from Cleveland to Monroe, North Carolina.

A second source advised March 12, 1964, that the purpose of MDC is to obtain support and funds to aid in the continued defense of WILLIE MAE MALLORY, RICHARD CROWDER and HAROLD REAPE, who were convicted in Superior Court, Monroe, North Carolina, February 27, 1964, on charges of kidnaping Mr. and Mrs. G. BRUCE STEGALL in Monroe on August 27, 1961, following a racial riot in that city.

This source stated that headquarters of MDC is located at 605 Brown Street, Monroe, North Carolina, with CLARENCE SENIORS as chairman.

A third source in September, 1963, identified CLARENCE SENIORS as a member of the Workers World Party.

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RE: MEDGAR EVERE RIFLE CLUB

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WORKERS WORLD PARTY

On April 17, 1959, a source advised that on February 12, 1959, a Socialist Workers Party (SWP) minority group, under the leadership of national committee member SAM BALLAN, known in the SWP as SAM MARCY, split from the SWP.

The source stated that this minority group, referred to as the Marcyites, after many years of program and policy differences on varied issues concerning tactics and interpretation of political events, split from the SWP on the grounds that the Party was liquidating itself by departing from the Marxist precepts of LEON TROTSKY and retreating from the fight for the world socialist revolution. The final issue which ultimately forced the split was the minority's opposition to the SWP regroupment policy which involved cooperation with the Communist Party (CP) periphery - individuals characterized by the minority as petty-bourgeois.

The minority program, according to the source, advocates the unconditional defense of the Soviet Union and has as its goal the building of a revolutionary party with a complete proletarian orientation for the purpose of overthrowing capitalism in the United States and throughout the world.

On May 12, 1960, the source advised that this minority group had chosen the name Workers World Party with headquarters located at 46 West 21st Street, New York, New York.

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 RACIAL MATTERS

ATTN: CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION,  
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Mr. JOSEPH COLES, A Negro Investigator, Commission on Community Relations, City of Detroit, advised 5/1/64, that upon reading the article appearing in the "Detroit Courier", concerning the formation of a rifle club in Detroit, he contacted DONALD WILKINSON, for any additional information he might possess. WILKINSON advised that he possessed no additional information other than that which appeared in his article. He advised that ROBINSON during the interview never revealed any person's identity whom he contacted in Detroit.

Since WILKINSON has been contacted and could furnish no additional information concerning this matter, and to avoid any unnecessary publicity, request to contact WILKINSON is being withdrawn.

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In connection with giving consideration to the interview of Donald Wilkinson, reporter for the "Detroit Courier" furnish the Bureau your observations concerning how such an interview might be used by that newspaper and in general the reputation of this newspaper in Detroit.

Bureau files contain no pertinent identifiable information to Donald Wilkinson or the "Detroit Courier".

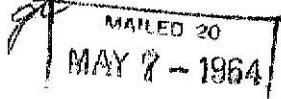
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NOTE:

The "Detroit Courier" published an exclusive interview with Lewis Robinson the leader of the Medgar Evers Rifle Club of Cleveland, Ohio. The rifle club was founded for the purpose of protecting Civil Rights demonstrators if the police failed to do so. The "Detroit Courier" is a weekly Negro newspaper. It is foreseeable that an interview of the newspaper reporter who conducted the interview, Donald Wilkinson could possibly be misused by the Negro paper, if the paper is of a mind to sensationalize such an interview.

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Attention: Civil Rights Section  
 General Investigative Division

Re Detroit airtel, dated 4/17/64.

Enclosed are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum pertaining to interview with LEWIS ROBINSON, leader of Medgar Evers' Rifle Club, Cleveland, at Detroit concerning the formation of a rifle club in Detroit which appeared in the "Detroit Courier," a Negro newspaper published weekly in Detroit.

A copy of the letterhead memorandum is being designated for G-2, Detroit, and Secret Service, Detroit.

Source utilized in letterhead memorandum FOIA(b) (7) - (D) *Sample*

JAMES BOGGS is a Security Index Subject of the Detroit Office, (Bufile 100-405600). GRACE LEE BOGGS is also a Security Index Subject, (Bufile 100-356160).

Sources contacted could furnish no information concerning the establishment of a rifle club in Detroit.

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Bureau authority is requested to contact DONALD WILKINSON, reporter for "Detroit Courier" for any additional information he might have concerning the formation of a rifle club.

Detroit indices contain no information identifiable with WILKINSON.



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Detroit, Michigan  
April 27, 1964

Medgar Evers Rifle Club  
Detroit, Michigan

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The April 25, 1964, issue of the "Detroit Courier", a newspaper published weekly in Detroit, Michigan, in an article captioned, "Secret Rifle Club - A Threat?", states in part, "The report of a rifle club being formed in Detroit was confirmed in an exclusive interview with Lewis G. Robinson, 35, 1402 East 120th, Cleveland, Ohio." Robinson said he was here to meet with various militant leaders and groups and lay out plans for the Detroit group.

Lewis X. Robinson

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Robinson said the purpose of publicly announcing the club was to give warning the clubs will be used to protect Civil Rights demonstrators.

Robinson is the organizer of the Medgar Evers Rifle Club in Cleveland. The club has over fifty members at this time and includes men and women, white and Negro.

Robinson was recently fired from his job as a housing inspector for the Cleveland Civil Service in the Urban Renewal Division. He was charged with trying to supplant the duties of a local police department with his organization.

Robinson went on to say that, "organizations whose members have openly stated they will shoot Negroes if they get out of line, are the prime reason for establishment of Negro Rifle Clubs. Progress in Detroit is good and I think Detroit needs a rifle club worse than Cleveland".

Robinson stated, "At this time there is some question as to whether or not the Detroit group will identify itself. They might want to avoid family, property and personal reprisals".

Re: Medgar Evers Rifle Club  
Detroit, Michigan

Detective Sergeant Charles Mayrand, Criminal Intelligence Bureau, Detroit Police Department, advised on April 24, 1964, that Lewis G. Robinson while in Detroit stayed at the home of James Boggs, 3061 Field, Detroit.

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on April 29, 1963, that James Boggs was the national chairman of the Correspondence Group.

A characterization of the Correspondence Group appears in the appendix hereto under Facing Reality Publishing Company.

Detective Mayrand advised that James Boggs is married to Grace Lee Boggs, editor of "Correspondence", a monthly publication of the Correspondence Group.

The letterhead of the Michigan Committee for a Freedom Now Party listed Doctor Grace L. Boggs as Secretary of the Michigan Committee for a Freedom Now Party.

The August 24, 1963, issue of the "New York Times", a newspaper published in New York, carried an article captioned, "All Negro Party for Sixty-four is Formed". This article revealed that a national all-Negro political party is being organized. It hopes to run its first slate in Congressional and local elections next year.

A tentative national committee, said to number about 100 persons, has opened an office at 81 East 125th Street, Harlan, under the acting chairmanship of Conrad J. Lynn, a Negro lawyer who specializes in Civil Rights cases.

The May 8, 1963, issue of "The Nyack News", a newspaper published daily in New York, contains an article which reveals that Conrad J. Lynn stated at a hearing of the HCUA on May 6, 1963, that he had been a member of the Young Communist League from 1928 - 1931, and had been a member of the Communist Party from 1935 through 1937.

**Re: Medgar Evers Rifle Club  
Detroit, Michigan**

The Young Communist League and the Communist Party have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Sergeant Mayrand advised that he has been unable to confirm the establishment of any rifle club in the Detroit area. He advised that this matter is being closely followed and that any information obtained will be immediately furnished to the appropriate Federal agencies.

Detective Harold Burley, Subversive Detail, Michigan State Police, Detroit, advised on April 24, 1964, that he has received no information concerning the establishment of a rifle club in the Detroit area. He advised that he will immediately make available any information coming to his attention concerning this matter.

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FACING REALITY PUBLISHING COMPANY

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past on August 1, 1958, stated that as a result of the split in the Johnson-Forest Group (JFG), which occurred in 1955, two factions emerged, the Johnson Faction and the Forest Faction. According to the source, the Johnson faction was composed of the followers of C. L. R. JAMES, also known as James Johnson and the Forest Faction was composed of the followers of RAE DWYER, also known as Freddie Forest. The co-founders of the JFG were C. L. R. JAMES, known as Johnson, who was deported from the United States as an undesirable alien in 1953, and RAE DWYER, known as Forest.

The JFG has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

A second source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on November 26, 1962, that subsequent to the split in the JFG, the Johnson Faction took the name Correspondence Group, which continued until February, 1962, when this group again split with the majority aligning themselves with JAMES behind the leadership of MARTIN GLABERMAN of Detroit, Michigan.

On May 8, 1962, this source furnished material in which JAMES BOGGS, the National Chairman of the Correspondence Group, stated that the Correspondence Group had made a clear and clean break with C. L. R. JAMES, and the 19th century development of Marxism. He stated that the Correspondence Group was trying to provide a center or basis where workers, technicians and intellectuals, Negroes and whites, women and men, the young and not so young, the common and the uncommon and all those alienated from one another in today's society, can speak their minds freely, cooperating where possible and clashing where necessary; however, at all times breaking down barriers and accepting responsibility for working out in action and in thought the fundamental problems of the total re-organization of society.

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Re Bureau airtel to Cleveland, 4/6/64.

On 4/10/64, Lieutenant NORMAN NICKERSON, Special Investigations, Detroit, Michigan, Police Department, advised that his office has received no information that any Medgar Evers Club is being formed in the Detroit area or that captioned club will join with UHURU.

Lieutenant NICKERSON advised that a representative of his office telephonically contacted the Special Investigations Bureau of the Cleveland, Ohio, Police Department for any information regarding the plan of the Medgar Evers Club to join with UHURU in Detroit. Lieutenant NICKERSON advised that UHURU has been inactive in the Detroit area this year.

Detective HAROLD BURLEY, Subversive Details, Michigan State Police, advised on 4/13/64, that he has received no information that the Medgar Evers Club will join with UHURU in Detroit.

Racial informants and logical sources were contacted with negative results.

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This matter is being closely followed and Bureau and Cleveland will be promptly advised of any information coming to the attention of the Detroit Division.

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Re Cleveland tel, 4/5/64.

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Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of a letter-head memorandum concerning captioned matter. One copy is being furnished Detroit for information in view of the report that the above organization plans to meet with the Detroit UHURU group.

Copies are also being furnished local military intelligence agencies and Secret Service.

Cleveland will continue to develop additional information concerning this group and keep the Bureau advised.

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Cleveland, Ohio  
April 6, 1964

MEDGAR EVERE RIFLE CLUB  
CLEVELAND, OHIO

An article in the "Plain Dealer," daily Cleveland newspaper, issue of April 5, 1964, reflected that LEWIS G. ROBINSON, former President of the Freedom Fighters, a small, local civil rights group, had visited the "Plain Dealer" newsroom to announce plans to form a rifle club to protect civil rights demonstrators if police fail to do so.

According to the article, ROBINSON announced that an organization meeting will be held at 8:00 P.M., April 8, 1964, at ROBINSON's residence, 1402 East 120th Street, Cleveland, OHIO. He stated the club is open to anybody, white or Negro, over the age of 21. He said they would prefer persons who have been active in the civil rights struggle in the past.

The article reflected that ROBINSON stated that plans to form the rifle club have been under discussion for some time and statements by MALCOLM X, who appeared in Cleveland on April 3, 1964, have given impetus to the idea. ROBINSON stated that about 16 similar rifle clubs already exist in the United States and plans to coordinate their activities will be discussed this summer. He said the Cleveland club plans to meet with Uhuru, identified as a recently formed self-defense group in Detroit.

According to the article, ROBINSON stated the club would be named in honor of MEDGAR EVERE, a field director for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), who was shot from ambush in Jackson, Mississippi, last year. ROBINSON was quoted as stating, "Negroes must become prepared to protect themselves against any person who violates their civil liberties when the police department fails to do this." ROBINSON charged that the Cleveland Police Department failed to protect Negroes in January, 1964, racial disturbances in Cleveland.

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RE: MEDGAR EVERS RIFLE CLUB  
CLEVELAND, OHIO

ROBINSON advised the newspaper that members of the club will wear Army fatigues, helmet liners, heavy boots and use two-way radios. He stated their training will be equivalent to Army basic training and that they were looking for sites in the country at which they could hold practices. He commented that each member must purchase his own rifle within six months.

The above article and an article in the same newspaper on April 6, 1964, identified LEWIS G. ROBINSON as being 35 years old and a veteran of military service. He was born in Decatur, Alabama, and came to Cleveland in 1944. He is a graduate of Portia Law School in Boston and has been employed for four years as an inspector in the City of Cleveland Housing Department.

The above articles further reflected that HAROLD B. WILLIAMS, Executive Secretary of the Cleveland NAACP, and RUTH TURNER, Executive Secretary of Cleveland Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) had publicly announced that their organizations did not want the support of any rifle clubs and would not call upon any such groups for assistance.

On April 5 and 6, 1964, Sergeant JOHN J. UNGVARY, Cleveland Police Department, Bureau of Special Investigations, advised that his bureau is conducting an active investigation of the Medgar Evers Rifle Club and will follow closely the meeting scheduled for April 8, 1964, to see if the plans to form an actual organization materialize. He stated he has heard rumors that the group is expecting a shipment of rifles, but he has not been able to confirm this report. He advised that the police department will give this entire movement close attention and will continue to make available all pertinent information developed to interested Federal agencies.

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WASHINGTON--SEN. JACK MILLER SUGGESTED TODAY THAT THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT LOOK INTO REPORTS THAT CIVIL RIGHTS SUPPORTERS ARE FORMING MILITARY-STYLE RIFLE CLUBS IN CLEVELAND AND OTHER CITIES.

THE IOWA REPUBLICAN REFERRED TO A SPEECH YESTERDAY IN WHICH SEN. FRANK LAUSCHE, D-OHIO, COMMENTED ON A PUBLISHED REPORT OF SUCH A CLUB (CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER.) THE REPORT QUOTED LOUIS G. ROBINSON, IDENTIFIED AS A FORMER PRESIDENT OF AN ORGANIZATION CALLED FREEDOM FIGHTERS.

MILLER TOLD THE SENATE THAT THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT COULD LOOK INTO WHETHER THE USE OF ARMY FATIGUE UNIFORMS, AS REPORTED, MIGHT VIOLATE THE LAW. IT MIGHT ALSO DETERMINE, HE SAID, WHETHER THE FORMATION OF SUCH GROUPS, HOWEVER WELL MOTIVATED, MIGHT VIOLATE LAWS REGULATING SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATIONS.

MILLER PRAISED LAUSCHE WHO TOLD THE SENATE YESTERDAY THAT REPORTS OF SUCH INCIDENTS ARE "HARMING THE CAUSE OF THE NEGRO."  
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To: SAC, Cleveland

From: Director, FBI 159-1624-1

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CLEVELAND, OHIO  
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You should take immediate steps to insure that your office is alert to all information concerning subject group and their plans to acquire firearms "to protect civil rights demonstrators if police fail to do so." In this regard you should review your files for material on individuals who can be used as racial informants to infiltrate this group.

You should conduct appropriate inquiries to determine the extent of activities of this group and determine whether an organization actually exists which is carrying on meetings. In this regard, you should consider the criteria for investigation of certain organizations as outlined in Section 122 of the Manual of Instructions. Thereafter, you should submit your recommendations as to whether this organization should be the subject of a Bureau investigation.

Cleveland should furnish to Detroit available information concerning the plans of this group to meet with UHURU of Detroit.

Detroit should advise if any information has come to the attention of that office indicating that subject group will join up with UHURU.

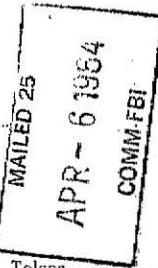
Information concerning subject group should be furnished locally to Secret Service.

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NOTE:

Local source of Cleveland Office reports that plans are underway to form a rifle club in Cleveland to protect civil rights demonstrators if police fail to do so. The group is named in honor of Medgar Evers, slain NAACP leader of Jacksonville, Mississippi. Source indicates group plans to meet with another group known as UHURU of Detroit. The idea for the group came about by the appearance of Malcolm X, the black Muslim leader, who appeared in Cleveland on 4/3/64.

April 6, 1964  
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Medgar Evers is the Negro leader  
who was murdered at Jackson, Mississippi,  
6/12/63.

Uhuru, mentioned in attached tel,  
is a Negro civil rights organization.  
Uhuru is the Swahili word for freedom.

Civil Rights Division of the  
Department being advised and information  
will be furnished in writing to Assistant  
Attorney General Burke Marshall.

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TO DIRECTOR  
FROM CLEVELAND /157-NEW/

MEDGAR EVERE'S CLUB, CLEVELAND, OHIO.

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MEDGAR EVERE'S

LOCAL SOURCES REPORT PLANS BEING MADE TO FORM A RIFLE CLUB IN  
CLEVELAND TO PROTECT CIVIL RIGHTS DEMONSTRATORS IF POLICE FAIL

TO DO SO. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING THE CLUB WAS MADE BY LOUIS  
G. ROBINSON, A CITY OF CLEVELAND EMPLOYEE AND FORMER PRESIDENT OF  
FREEDOM FIGHTERS, A SMALL LOCAL CIVIL RIGHTS GROUP. MEETING IS SCHEDULED  
FOR APRIL EIGHT NEXT TO ORGANIZE THE GROUP.

ROBINSON ANNOUNCED THE CLUB WILL BE NAMED IN HONOR OF MEDGAR  
EVERS AND PLANS TO MEET WITH UHURU OF DETROIT. HE STATED IMPETUS TO  
FORM THE GROUP CAME FROM APPEARANCE OF MALCOLM X IN CLEVELAND ON  
APRIL THREE LAST.

CLEVELAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

SGT. JOHN J. UNGVARY, CPD, IS CONDUCTING ACTIVE INVESTIGATION  
OF GROUP AND STATED HE HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO CONFIRM REPORTS THE GROUP  
IS EXPECTING A SHIPMENT OF RIFLES. HAROLD B. WILLIAMS, A SOURCE AND  
LOCAL LEADER OF CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT REC'D HIS PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED THAT HIS  
GROUPS WOULD NEVER CALL THE RIFLE CLUB FOR ASSISTANCE.

LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM APR 15 1964  
BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED. THIS WILL BE SUBMITTED.

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